Dear student of anthropology,

A warm welcome to life at St Andrews. When you arrive, take some time to look around the town; you will find that St Andrews is small geographically but that it offers a wonderfully rich environment as a place to study and to join a worldwide community of researchers. Staff and other students are looking forward to greeting you and to helping you find your way around. Once you are settled in do take the opportunity to meet and talk to us about your ideas and plans. We are keen to know what brings you here and how we can best help in the next steps in your intellectual pathway.

While you are here, apart from working closely with your teachers, there will be many opportunities to get to know how anthropologists work beyond the classroom: from getting involved as volunteers in the organizing of academic conferences, to research assistant opportunities and careers events as well as participating in the activities of our research Centres. The Department’s student society, Anthrosoc, organizes an engaging programme of events; jump in and get involved!

There are numerous valuable opportunities too for training away from St Andrews involving both students and staff. These include, for research students, the inter-university STAR programme. Please take a look at our Department website: https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/anthropology/. Ask about these opportunities, and join us for our research seminars and other advertised events.

Our Anthropology Student President is here to help and takes a very active role on behalf of students. Student representation through the work of class representatives happens throughout each year and we always welcome the feedback you provide. We encourage you to stand for positions on the Staff-Student consultation committee. As post-graduate students you have an immense amount to contribute to the life of our department. We welcome your ideas and we look forward to the intellectual enrichment you will bring to the community of scholars here.

With good wishes,

Dr Huon Wardle

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