Dear incoming student,

I’m the School President for Social Anthropology and I write to wish you a warm welcome to our department! The most important thing I can tell you, is that support and guidance will always be available in this department and at the university when you need it. This welcome pack is meant to guide you through your initiation into the department:

To help you find your way around, we have created a map of central locations for Social Anthropology students. You will find this map in your welcome pack along with information about various types of support available to PGT students. Aside from our Careers Centre, we have a centre called CAPOD, which helps with both academic and professional skills. It is also worth knowing that all staff members hold weekly office hours – I speak from personal experience when I say that these are extremely useful. The classes themselves are, of course, paramount, but if English is not your first language and you find yourself struggling to keep up, the university’s centre for English Language Teaching (ELT) could be very useful for you (they even do one-to-one teaching sessions).

If you have not found it yet, I would encourage you to download the University of St Andrews app, where you will find an overview of all orientation events. Throughout the year, I will send you weekly emails with useful information and event invitations relevant to Social Anthropology students. In these you will also find the time of my weekly office hour, where I can answer questions you have in person. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have (my email is socanthpresident@st-andrews.ac.uk). I look forward to seeing you around and will do all I can to make sure you end up loving this department as much as I do!

Yours sincerely,

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