Hi everyone!

My name is Lyndsay Townsend and I am your School President for the Department of Film Studies in the upcoming academic year.

Firstly, let me congratulate you on receiving the opportunity to study in St. Andrews - it is a gorgeous town, and the friendliest place to live, full of exciting festivals, sporting life, societies and buzzing with culture. Also, I'd like to welcome you to our department! Despite being one of the smallest departments at the university, the Department of Film Studies is one of the most tight-knit academic communities, with a small and highly dedicated team of staff to help you progress in your academic life.

Communication is at the heart of the department, and we are so excited for fresh new ideas and visions to be brought forward by incoming students. With a multitude of activities and social events happening throughout the year, including The 60 Hour Film Blitz (the chance for students to make a short film under 60 hours, and have it shown at The Byre Theatre), there are numerous opportunities for everyone to be involved and to contribute to the vibrant atmosphere and community created by the Film Department. From screenings of silent films with live musical accompaniment to drinks receptions at the local theatre, we hope to offer a range of social events that will encourage participation within our department and really include every new incoming student!

Studying Film at St. Andrews is a truly rewarding experience, and the chance to engage with highly-renowned film scholars is an amazing opportunity that you can take advantage of every day as a student. As a department, we strive on nurturing your own interests and talents and will make sure that your voice as a student is heard. Through meetings with our team of staff, myself and the class representatives, we will ensure that your happiness is at an optimum level - whilst film lies at the heart of our interests, so do you!

If you have any questions about the department, my role in relation to you as a student, the university, the town, (or even just films!), I would love to hear from you. All questions are appreciated, and I am really looking forward to meeting you all in the weeks ahead. Have a lovely summer, and I will see you in September!

Best wishes,

Lyndsay

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