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Dear First Year Medical Student

Congratulations on being accepted to Dundee University! We welcome you here and feel sure you will find your time with us both stimulating and rewarding.

The reason for writing to you is to let you know about some of the initial costs, in addition to the purchase of anatomy books, which you'll incur on your first few days of arrival. This should allow you to plan accordingly.

Medical students must wear a clean, long, graffiti-free white laboratory coat in the Dissecting Room (DR) and any other rooms where human material is on display. These can be bought from the student union shop once you are here. Alternatively, you may buy one before you arrive. You will also be issued with a name badge by the Medical School, which must be worn at all times in the anatomy facilities.

On your first introductory session in the DR, you will be supplied with a pair of safety goggles for mandatory use in the anatomy laboratory. Please note that the University will invoice you annually (years 1 and 2 only) for the cost of the goggles, as well as the use of disposable face masks, disposable scalpel blades, single-use latex gloves and any other instruments required during practical classes in the anatomical component of the programme. This will be £40 for the whole year.

During this first session, you will also need to have your matriculation card activated for use as swipe card access to all the anatomy facilities and to be issued with a Code of Conduct form (detailing the rules of the DR), which **MUST** be carefully read, understood, signed and returned. You will also be required to sign a form in the DR to confirm that you have read and understood these rules. Working with human material is not only regulated by the Anatomy Act (1984) and the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act (2006), but also requires sensitivity, and we expect a high level of professional conduct during anatomy sessions.

You might also choose to obtain a copy of the recommended anatomy textbook prior to your arrival in Dundee. The first chapter will provide good introductory reading:

- Moore KL, Agur AMR and Dalley AF, *Essential Clinical Anatomy*, 5th (or 4th) edition, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins

This book covers the majority of the anatomy undergraduate teaching. You might also consider as an extra, the *Gray's Anatomy for Students* phone application or flash cards, which have lovely '3D' anatomy diagrams. If you are looking for an anatomy textbook that you can also use later for your postgraduate study, the more detailed version of the above book is recommended:

- Moore KL, Dalley AF, Agur AMR, *Clinically Oriented Anatomy*, 7th (or 6th) edition, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins

As a student of the University of Dundee, you will also have access to Primal Pictures anatomy.tv, which is accessible 24/7 and has a vast array of anatomical material to help you with your learning, including excellent 3D digital models. Check the anatomy resources in the 'anatomy' section of your VLE for other suggestions.

Most of you will probably have your own computers, and the majority of student accommodation has computer connections in each study room. Details can be viewed at www.dundee.ac.uk/residences/index.php. The University also provides good facilities in the public IT suites and libraries.

Finally, you will find it useful to have a small amount of money (£15-20) in order to purchase an initial supply of photocopying/computer printing cards.

I very much look forward to meeting you in October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Wilkinson'.

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