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I am delighted to hear that you will be returning to start a new course at Jesus College next year. This is just a brief letter from me as Chaplain, just in case you don't already know me or what I do...

Basically, I chat with students and listen to what you have to say; I organize everything that goes on in our beautiful Chapel; I encourage music and the arts (especially our Choir); I arrange a lot of thought-provoking events; I help people to practise their own religions and value one another's beliefs, spiritualities, and traditions. Above all, I enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea with everyone who wants a listening ear or who has questions – big or small – about the particular, the practical, or the practically life-changing.

I'm part of an *amazingly supportive welfare team* here in College, with other staff and students. Along with them, I am available for all students, from every background and culture, for whatever reason. Of course we hope that you simply have a fantastic time here, but if you do ever need some guidance or support, please do say. If you wish to find out more about how this works at Jesus, especially in the MCR, do get in touch. We can't solve every problem for you but we hope we can help you navigate the fun but intense world of Oxford.

I also support *all students' spirituality* here. As a Church of England priest, I lead Chapel services and work with student Christian groups. If you're a Christian, I hope you find our Chapel warm and welcoming, whatever your denomination, background, or style of worship. But I also take care over students' personal needs in other faiths. I'd be very glad to help you connect with other faith communities throughout Oxford, and help arrange for your religious needs. If you have suggestions or requests, do get in touch. Look out for our special Festivals in Hall. *Everyone is always welcome* to come to Chapel, or use our faith resources, or simply make the most of what it means to have a Chaplain and spiritual space within College.

You'll see that on Thursday of Freshers' Week you can come to either breakfast or lunch (or both!) with me – along with Freshers from both the JCR and MCR – a great way to meet one another with free food. Otherwise, please do feel free to come and find me, or another member of our lovely welfare team, and say hello again. As you probably know, during term I'm often around Sunday-Friday, so you can always just email me (when you know your timetable!), drop a note in my pigeon hole, or give me a call. Do have a read about welfare in the rest of the information sent out to you, to make sure you're up to date.

In the meantime if there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My phone number is +44 (0)1865 279757 and my email address is megan.daffern@jesus.ox.ac.uk. Lest you haven't already spotted me, I also attach a photograph of myself so that you know who to look out for.

With all my colleagues, I add my congratulations on securing your place, and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Daffern".

The Revd Dr Megan Daffern

