Dear Student,

Prior to your arrival at Queens’ please allow me to introduce myself and to tell you a little about Queens’ College Library and our induction programme for new students. As a key component in your studies that will enhance your chances of academic success, it is important to make the most of the huge range of library/e-resources available to you as a Cambridge student. Queens’ College Library staff are keen, therefore, to help you to get off to a good start. We look forward to meeting you at your allotted library and e-resources induction session that is being scheduled for you to attend via Zoom during Freshers’ Week (further details will be supplied in due course). We will provide basic but crucial information on how to use the library and get started in finding books, electronic books/journals and other information relevant to your course. Further research skills sessions will be available later in the year. For now, it will help you to familiarise yourself with the following more practical points concerning Queens’ College Library:

- Due to the continued need for social distancing the library reading areas are located in both the library and various other additional rooms located nearby around Old Court.
- Opening hours of the library and additional reading areas are from 7am until 2 am.
- You will need your University card for entry into and exit from the library itself, and to borrow books.
- Currently, up to 10 books can be borrowed for up to 8 weeks using the library’s self-issue system (overdue charges are added to College bills).
- Library facilities include a photocopier/scanner/printer, comb binding service and access to the internet from your laptop via the University’s wireless network.
- We aim to hold core Part I readings in all Tripos subjects. You are strongly encouraged to let us know if something necessary to your work is missing from our shelves.
- Most importantly, we are here to help! Please ask a librarian if you need assistance in using the library or locating information.
- For further information please see our library website:  
  http://www.queens.cam.ac.uk/teaching-learning/library

Queens’ Library is a particularly attractive medieval space which we’re sure you will enjoy using. We hope you will enjoy the rest of your holiday and we look forward to meeting you next month.

Tim Eggington
Fellow Librarian
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