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Welcome from the Rector

Welcome to Exeter College! We are very much looking forward to your arrival here. This is one of Oxford's oldest colleges – 2023 marks the ninth year of our eighth century – and Exeter remains one of the most beautiful, with a lovely garden right in the centre of town. It is also extremely friendly, with lots of interesting activities going on throughout the year.

I do hope that you will enjoy your time with us. The work may seem very demanding, especially at the start, but remember that everyone else will be in the same boat (even if they don't show it). One of the best reasons for coming to Oxford is the enormous amount of personal attention you will get from those who teach you, as well as from other members of staff, including those whose particular concern is the general wellbeing of our students. Work must always come first, but please do try to make time for the sporting, cultural, and social activities that are an important part of College and University life. You will have more opportunities to embrace new ventures here, whether debating or acting or rowing, than will ever come your way again.

I arrived at Exeter as Rector (i.e. Head) of the College in the autumn of 2014, after many years as an academic historian and academic leader at other UK universities. Once upon a time I also completed an Oxford undergraduate degree, so I have some idea of what lies ahead of you! I have my office in the College grounds, and my wife Marguerite Dupree and I also live here. We'll see you at a variety of social events throughout your time at Exeter. I will also be meeting each of you individually, early in Michaelmas Term, when you sign the College Register. If you have a problem that you can't sort out elsewhere, please feel free to come to see me at any time throughout your journey as an Exeter undergraduate student – the College is here to support you.

I look forward to seeing you during your Freshers' Week, and to getting to know you throughout your time with us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Trainor".

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