



Hello there new Fresher!

Congratulations on making it into Cambridge! I'm Grace, and I'm the Theology rep for Pembroke College. :) I'm just starting my third year and I have to say I've had the most amazing time here so far (it's incredible how fast the time flies!), and I know you're going to love it here too! The Theology course here at Cambridge is really brilliant - there's something for everyone as it's so varied and you can specialise in so many different things. When I first arrived here I was quite terrified that I wouldn't be good enough and that I would find things too difficult, but, trust me, everyone is in exactly the same boat and you'll be settled in no time! Pembroke is also a really lovely, relaxed and fun college and I'm positive you'll soon grow to love it as much as I do. :)

Just a brief introduction about the course- in your first year you're required to do 5 papers, including one language (either Greek or Hebrew), and then at least one of the Biblical papers (Old Testament/New Testament). You can then choose to take anything from Philosophy of Religion, Sociology, World Religions, Christology, Church History...there's a lot of choice! In my first year I did Greek, Old Testament, Christology (Who is Jesus Christ?), Sociology and World Religions, and really enjoyed them all. Christology was quite a hard paper, but in fact it actually turned out to be my favourite, because it was very rewarding as well. I didn't do Philosophy but I've heard that it's also meant to be quite challenging!

Pleeeeeease don't worry about reading/preparing too much before you get here- wider reading is always a good thing but you will cover everything you need to study during the year. If you're like me and didn't do language A-Levels don't fret either, because the language classes are streamed so that everyone can learn at the right pace for them. :) The only thing you might want to do before you arrive is to try and learn the alphabet for your language, but, again, you'll cover it as soon as you start your language lessons so it's not too big a deal.

In terms of contact hours, you'll probably have about 10 hours of lectures a week (by my second term this went down to 6), as well as a supervision. Supervisions are where you and sometimes another person sit down with an academic, have a cuppa and discuss an essay that you'll have prepared during the week. At first they seem a bit daunting but you quickly get used to them and they turn out to be brilliant teaching sessions that are completely catered to your needs and questions. You can learn so much during a supervision!

I hope all of this info may help you just a little bit, but if you have questions about ANYTHING at all, please do get in touch with me! My email is gc405@cam.ac.uk, or if you

want to message me on facebook (my name is Grace Chatters) please feel free. My mobile is 07918 110955 as well.

I'm sure I will be meeting you very very soon - I can't wait to welcome you into our Pembroke Theology family! We're a really great bunch and from time to time go for a drink/meal together which is good fun. :)

Lots and lots of love,

Grace xxxxxxxxxxxxxx