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Medicine

Here is a reading list for those proposing to read Medicine. Most (if not all) of the books on the list are in the College and/or University lending Library or available digitally, so you are absolutely not required to buy them, but people often find it useful to have their own copy. You will each have a £60 book allowance from college to help towards buying new course text books once you have arrived in Oxford (receipts are required); the 2nd year medical students will often also have second-hand copies to sell you (though check with your Tutor on arrival whether a particular edition is out-of-date).

There is no need to read anything before you come here but you could, of course, start reading the introductory textbooks. This is not a requirement and you will have no disadvantage during the course if you do not read the books beforehand.

We wish you good luck in the forthcoming results and look forward to welcoming you here at St Hilda's.

With best wishes,

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Reading List

Highly Recommended by our current students:

Oxford handbook of Medical Sciences
Robert Wilkins; David Meredith; Ian Megson (2021; 3rd ed)

Other suggestions:

Oxford textbook of functional anatomy
Pamela C. B. MacKinnon; John F. Morris (2005; 3 volumes)

Histology: a text and atlas with correlated cell and molecular biology
Wojciech Pawlina; Michael H. Ross (2020; 8th ed)

Larsen's human embryology
Gary C. Schoenwolf; Steven B. Bleyl; Philip R. Brauer; P. H. Francis-West (2021; 6th ed)

Rang and Dale's pharmacology
Ritter; Flower; Henderson; Loke; MacEwan; Rang (2019; 9th ed)

Metabolism at a glance

J. G. Salway (2017; 4th ed)

Essential Cell Biology

Alberts, Heald, Hopkin, Johnson, Morgan, Roberts, Walter (2023; 6th edition, or 2020; 5th edition)