Hey guys!!

Congrats on picking Bio NatSci (the best subject) and a fantastic college, I'm certain you're going to have an amazing time this year!

I hope you're all excited to come to Cambrige and are having a great summer, relaxing before all the work starts! Freshers week is an ideal time to both make friends and get involved in some college level/university societies before lectures start- I definitely think that since NatSci is such a hands-on subject that you need to have something outside of work as an outlet. Freshers fairs and college events are great times for this, as well as all the events during our amazing freshers week, which will make you loads of friends.

Despite rumours about our heavy workloads and long contact hours, we actually have a week (or twol) of lectures before supervisions actually start, so we have learnt some of the content. This is great because, unlike lots of arts students who are plagued by essays from the beginning, you aren't jolted straight from freshers week into work.

It is true that we do have one of the highest numbers of contact hours, with 12 lectures a week (4 for each subject, sadly including Saturday lectures), 4 supervisions, and 3-4 practicals, depending on which options you take. Despite this, all of the topics you learn about are incredibly interesting, and taught by world experts (and we probably enjoy one of the lightest reading loads out of all Cambridge freshers). The broadness of the subject means it caters to basically everyone, so although it is a lot of work, it is incredibly interesting and rewarding and I'm positive you will have a fantastic first year!

Have a great remainder of summer and I hope you're all looking forward to next year- any questions can be directed to the freshers page on Facebook or to any of us old NatScis in freshers week!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions mab228@cam.ac.uk

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