

Hey incoming MMLers!

I am Lucy, a second year studying French and German at Pembroke and I'm your MML rep. First and foremost, congrats on getting into Pembroke!!

I did German ab initio last year so am here if you have any queries or woes about learning a whole new language (it really isn't as awful or hard as you're probably expecting it to be - I'd even go as far as to call it rather fun), and can obviously help with post A-Level questions too.

As far as tips before you start go, I have three quite important ones which I really wish I'd adhered to

- 1 Read (at least some of) your reading list - I made the mistake of not having read a single book when I arrived at Pembroke, and having to read whole books in a week on top of writing an essay was a very stupid idea, 100% do not recommend! That obviously doesn't mean you have to know them all back to front, but it'll make your supervisions a lot less embarrassing if you at least know the characters' names (trust me) - even if you do read them in English at first (ignore people telling you that's a sin, for now it is absolutely fine)
- 2 Go over your A-Level grammar for your post A-Level languages, specifically the key terms (e.g. relative pronoun, relative clause, the names for all the tenses etc), because sometimes grammar lessons at Cambridge get a bit technical and it's best if you know what your professor is talking about straight away
- 3 Enjoy your summer (cringe), and look forward to coming to Cambridge - I was dreading it, suffered from the classic 'impostor syndrome' having convinced myself they'd let me in by mistake, but you really have been chosen because you are good enough and will be able to cope with the work. There's so much stuff on offer at Cambridge outside of MML: language societies if languages really are your one true love; sports; music, that your work doesn't need to be on your mind all the time, even though it can sometimes be tough.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me (lid23@cam.ac.uk), and i'll get in touch with you again in freshers week to tell you where/when we'll be having our MML welcome meal.

Looking forward to meeting you all very soon,

Lucy D'Urso :-)