There is a required Physiology and Anatomy textbook for the first two years of the MBBS programme that ALL new medical students are expected to acquire at least books 1 and 2 on the list below. In addition the anatomy atlas is very useful for the dissection components of the course and revision.


The John Smith Bookshop will be providing the 1st two books as part of a bundle that will be cheaper than buying each on their own. College bookshop (qmul@johnsmith.co.uk).

If you do not feel able to cope with the large “Clinically Orientated Anatomy” book then the anatomy book below is the smaller version and is also excellent.


Please do not get other editions, as we will be using the up to date texts.

In addition for the anatomy practicals a lab coat is required. These may be purchased from the student union when you arrive.

Other Essential Books
Over the 4 years of the MBBS (GEP) programme you will also need a small group of essential textbooks that you will turn to on a regular basis. It therefore makes sense to consider buying a copy of each of these books. Then it will always be there, when you want it, and you don't have to remember library opening hours, or find all copies on loan to your fellow students when you do eventually get there! Many of these books are available with a special discount at the College bookshop and many have additional material online.


You should consider getting as many of these as you can afford, possibly staggering their purchase over a period of time. Don’t do what some students do – buy a textbook just before the end-of-year exams, and then regret that they did not get it earlier in the programme!

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