How to Contact your Director of Studies (and other things...)

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Congratulations on successfully completing your first year at University, and welcome back after what has, I hope, been an enjoyable summer for you.

Second year is a time of change in your University life, as your course moves away from work directly related to things you did at school. The courses you will take now will ask more of you. People often find this a shock to their systems, and are busy wondering by Christmas what they've let themselves in for. Don't panic! Things feel much better in the spring.

However, second year is demanding for another reason — your performance on the second year courses determines your elegibility for Honours courses. It is important, especially for the AI and CS or AI and Psychology degrees, that you try to balance your workload to do well on all your major courses. As in most cases, I am here to help: if you have any questions about or problems with your courses, lecturers or whatever, please do come and talk about them. Many problems are easily remedied if tackled early.

Vitally Important: If you are taking the AI and Psychology degree you **must** get at least 60 in Psychology 2 and 55 in AI **at the first attempt**. If you don't, it is almost certain that the Psychology Department will refuse to admit you to Honours. This is a disaster! If you think you might have problems with your Psychology 2 mark tell me as soon as possible so that we can try to resolve the difficulties.

If you need to get hold of me in normal hours, the numbers at the top of this sheet will do. The first is my office 'phone, 3090 is a secretary. You can also contact me electronically by mail from your account — my address for electronic mail is **john@dai.ed**. If you have an urgent problem that needs to be dealt with outside normal hours, or you can't get hold of anyone at the University, you can call me at home on 661-2354. I am instantly available almost anytime for emergencies.

Finally, have a good Autumn Term. Do call in and see me if you want information about the Department or its courses, if you need to sort out a problem, or if you just feel like a chat.