As I come to the end of my first term as President, I write once again to thank you for your continuing support! I am extremely proud to be leading St John’s at a time when we are making great strides in so many directions. I believe that together we can ensure St John’s goes forward from strength to strength despite the uncertainties we feel in Higher Education. The latest Government White Paper ‘Fulfilling our potential: teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice’ will hold us to account not only in relation to the quality of our teaching (about which there is no doubt) but also in relation to the recruitment, retention and career destinations of an increasingly diverse range of students. I believe that, due to the dedication of our team, we are well-positioned to respond.

This year I have again marvelled at the successes of Fellows and students, many of whom have been awarded Fellowships and national honours, and I am particularly proud that our early career fellows are excelling in their respective disciplines. It should also be recorded that the showing of our mathematicians in the Final Honour School was exceptional – not only the top two firsts in the University but also the top first in joint Maths and Computer Science were awarded to students of St John’s. Beyond academic achievement, the Lamb and Flag was also awarded ‘City Pub of the Year’, we reached the final of University Challenge and two of our junior members were on the winning team in the Women’s Varsity match at Twickenham.

We have also been witness to much construction. I am very pleased to tell you that we have recently opened the Bainton Road Nursery, an important legacy of the 2000 Women campaign. The nursery explicitly recognises that increasingly, many of our members have young families, and it will offer support to Fellows, staff and students; it is a fantastic place which will undoubtedly enrich the early years of our smallest ‘little lambs’! Our new Library and Study Centre is also rapidly taking shape – this promises to be a wonderful facility at the heart of the College, and a visually stunning new addition to our historic College buildings. The beautiful Otranto passage, and the artwork depicting the first St John’s benefactors is already complete. I very much look forward to showing you this and the other developments of which we feel so proud.

All of our work, and particularly the support of our students, is made possible because of your support. You will know that our success depends upon admitting students who have excellent academic potential. We are extremely lucky that the Alumni Fund provides resources to support key initiatives like the Schools Liaison Programme and the Student Ambassador Scheme which will enable us to continue to admit candidates of the highest calibre to St John’s regardless of means, and to provide them with resources to enable their continuing success. Last year, as in previous years, we committed a significant amount of funding to student support, over £1 million. This included 87 Oxford Bursaries or Moritz-Heyman Scholarships. In addition we are continuing to provide Hardship Grants, Book Grants, Academic Grants, Special Grants, and Vacation Residence Study Grants. We are very proud to provide more fully-funded Graduate Scholarships than many other colleges – we have this year admitted 77 graduate students no doubt among whom will be future leaders in their fields. Finally, we have again managed to keep the costs of living down for our students. I hope that students who benefit today will themselves support us into the future. In the meantime, thank you for your generosity which is so much appreciated.
As I reflect on my first year as St John’s Director of Development and Alumni Relations, I am struck by the deep affection alumni have for this exceptional college. I have the distinct privilege of meeting many of you at events in the UK and around the world. In every conversation, memories are shared and nostalgia abounds as you recall how St John’s transformed you and your life. Ensuring that alumni feel part of the College’s past as well as its future is truly an honour and is a part of my role that I cherish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the alumni attending St John’s events in Oxford, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Boston, New York, Toronto and Washington, DC. It was a real pleasure seeing so many of you and learning about how you are making your mark on the world. St John’s international alumni are an important part of our community and we hope that you will continue to be involved, even if you are not able to make it back to the dreaming spires of Oxford very often. Connecting alumni around the world and enabling those friendships and professional networks to flourish is a key part of our role.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to St John’s alumni volunteering their time on the College’s Access and Outreach programmes. Your advice and guidance is making an impact on the lives of prospective students aspiring to university. This past year, St John’s took part in 135 events making contact with an estimated 6,280 pre-university students from 372 schools and colleges. Alumni participated in Subject Exploration Days engaging with young people in their most formative stages as they consider university and their course of study. The feedback was heartening; as one young person commented: “It was a good event and I think people should do this more often to help undecided people choose what they want to do.” We are grateful to all our alumni for the help and support they provide in fostering future generations of St John’s students. You can read more about our Access and Outreach activities on page 32.

Generosity from St John’s benefactors is also making a tremendous difference, enabling our students to undertake a world-class education and providing them with the resources they need to make the most of this unique time in their lives. During the 2015/16 academic year, the College distributed over £1 million in scholarships, bursaries and grants, with nearly £800,000 supported by alumni. This edition of Benefactors highlights a number of the students benefiting from your philanthropy and I hope you enjoy reading their stories.

The Development and Alumni Relations team is, of course, here to help you – our alumni and benefactors – as you are all part of this unique community. We hope to create and shape events and opportunities centred on your relationship with St John’s and with each other. I look forward to meeting more of you in the year ahead and encourage you to continue to be involved with the College in the years to come.
Summary Financial Report  
Sources and Use of Funds for the year 2015/16

The College presents its results for the year ended 31 July 2016 in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission in 2014. A summary of the College’s consolidated financial activities is as follows:

### Summary of College Financial Activities

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The Alumni Fund: Regular Gifts Transforming Lives

St John’s College Development Manager Jacob Ward reports on the progress of the Alumni Fund in 2015/16.

While St John’s is enormously grateful to its major donors, we recognise that most of our alumni are not in a position to make such a large financial commitment to the College. St John’s is very keen to involve all of our alumni in our fundraising activities in order to enable everyone to support our students at whatever level is appropriate for them. To this end, St John’s established the Alumni Fund in 2009 as a vehicle for members of the College to support our current students. While individual gifts may be modest – even as little as £5 – when added together in the Alumni Fund they are able to achieve much more than they could alone.

In 2015/16 St John’s took the decision to refocus the Alumni Fund exclusively on Access and Student Support, in recognition of how important these areas are for so many of our alumni. Thanks in part to the support of donors to the Alumni Fund, St John’s is able to provide over £1 million per year in bursaries, grants, and scholarships to its students. This makes us one of the most generous colleges in Oxford but in the present climate there is much more we need to do.

Government maintenance grants for low-income households have recently been discontinued and there are not enough funded places at postgraduate level for all of our graduate students. The support of alumni is essential if we are to achieve our vision of the future: to continue to attract the very best students, regardless of their financial background.

As well as reducing the financial burden for students once they arrive, the Alumni Fund supports the invaluable work of the St John’s Admissions and Access team in encouraging applications from people with backgrounds that are historically under-represented at Oxford.

Over the course of the year a total of 1,026 alumni have given to the College, and between them they have contributed £463,619 to the Alumni Fund. This will make a really tangible difference to the lives of St John’s students, and we are immensely grateful to all those who contributed to this fantastic achievement.

As always, the Telephone Campaign provided a significant proportion of the total new funds raised. In addition to the main campaign at Easter 2016, St John’s ran its first dedicated North America campaign in November 2015 which saw a phenomenal 59% of alumni choosing to give a gift. The two campaigns together raised just over £300,000, making this a record-breaking year. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of you who gave during the course of the year.

For further information about the Alumni Fund, how to make a gift or how to leave a legacy in your Will, please visit www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/alumni or contact the Development & Alumni Relations Office on 01865 610885.

The Rawlinson Society

Director of Development and Alumni Relations Amber Bielby introduces the Rawlinson Society

Over the centuries, legacy giving has made a substantial impact on St John’s. Sir Thomas White’s vision for the College developed through his acquisition and development of the land on St Giles. Following in his footsteps, a number of benefactors gave generously through legacies in the 17th century. It was, however, Richard Rawlinson’s legacy, made in 1753, that made the greatest impact. He left estates across Essex, Lancashire, Norfolk and Warwickshire, land that today forms the heart of our endowment – a gift that continues to flourish under St John’s careful stewardship.

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WITH THE INAUGURATION OF BAINTON ROAD NURSERY, THE COLLEGE TURNS ITS BACK ON CENTURIES OF TRADITION.

Children have been largely absent from the College’s history, with the exception of boy choristers children have been barred from College, as indeed have their parents on some occasions. From John Case to Sidney Ball, a family has often been seen as something of a disadvantage within College. However as St John’s has grown and brought itself into the modern age, we are delighted to look forward to a happier future for families in College. Vice President The Reverend Professor William Whyte examines the history of children at St John’s, and looks to the College’s latest architectural achievement: the Bainton Road Nursery.

Founded in 1437 to educate Cistercian monks and then refounded in 1555 in the hope that it would train celibate Catholic priests, St John’s has tended to be tough on children and tough on the causes of children. True enough, for many years it did support boy choristers, required to sing in the choir. But they were employees. The College was much less keen on dependents and strictly forbade its Fellows to acquire children of their own.
The rather gruesome portrait of the Tudor physician John Case which now hangs over high table provides a nice example of this – and not just because he is clearly examining the skeleton of a child, an off-putting sight for those trying to eat their dinner. Case was forced to resign his Fellowship in 1574 because he had become too friendly with a local woman. Respectability required marriage. Marriage meant losing his job.

This tradition continued long into the nineteenth century, even after the statutes were changed to permit married Fellows. In 1891, the energetic and able Sidney Ball – whose memorial can still be seen in Canterbury Quad – was the first Fellow to seek permission to marry. It was denied, and for a decade he was condemned to eke out a living as a college lecturer and – worse still – as Senior Tutor.

It has only been in the last century therefore that Fellows of St John’s were allowed to have families. The same was true for the students. For most of the College’s history, part of the reason for locking the gates at night was to stop the boys getting out and meeting girls. It was only in the last hundred years that undergraduates were permitted to raise families and a sign of radical social change that in the 1970s the College took the decision to include flats for ‘married graduates’ in the Thomas White building. That there might be unmarried students living together and that undergraduates might have families was a discovery for a later time.

As the College has grown and diversified in the last forty years, so the number of Fellows, students, and other members of staff with children has grown too. The annual children’s Christmas party is now huge, with upwards of a hundred boys and girls under 12 attending. And of course the same has been true across the University, as the number of staff and students has increased enormously. It has generated terrible pressure on the city’s nurseries. The waiting list for places is seemingly endless and parents are now advised to put their children down for the better nurseries long before birth. Yet, of course, without childcare it is impossible for staff or students to work and raise a family.

The solution is simple: we need more nurseries. The University has five – and a waiting list of nearly 500. Four of the colleges – Balliol, St Anne’s, Somerville and Wolfson – have also established their own provision. They are small. Somerville, for instance, only takes sixteen children. They are also necessarily run for the colleges that own them. They do take outsiders but it is members of Balliol that make up the bulk of parents at their nursery. St John’s people can only get a place if they can establish some sort of connection with Balliol.

To resolve these problems and to provide the facility that College staff and students need, St John’s turned its back on centuries of tradition this year by opening its own nursery.

Built on an unused piece of land bordering the sports fields, Bainton Road Nursery will offer places to 26 children. St John’s people will have priority, though other members of the University can apply.

It is a delightful little building, designed and built by Savills. Low-rise, with a living sedum roof and jaunty sky-lights jutting out at angles, it sits nestled between trees on a quiet backroad, with a view across the College cricket pitch. Outside, there are toys and room to play, a sandpit and a secret garden. Inside, there is a series of rooms stuffed with toys and even a diminutive cinema.

The Nursery seems a fitting culmination to the College’s 2000 Women campaign – though of course it has taken much more than a year to plan and will not only cater to the children of female staff and students. As the President acknowledged when making the case for the Nursery, there remains a particular problem for women with children who are working or studying. The pay gap between men and women has remained remarkably enduring over time. Women are also more likely to leave paid employment or to abandon their studies once they have children. The hope is that facilities like our new Nursery will help counteract this trend, enabling more women to combine motherhood with work or study. The first few children arrived at Bainton Road at the end of November 2016 and it is expected to be running at full capacity by the end of 2017.

Naturally, this will only be possible if people can afford to use the Nursery and the College is already thinking of ways of supporting student parents in particular. At Balliol, a generous benefaction has endowed bursaries, paying for a number of places, and we hope to explore this in the future too. In the meantime, we are celebrating a wonderful new resource and the most tremendous rejection of a centuries-old tradition, as a college which did everything it could to resist children now provides a place they can call their own. We can only hope that John Case, Sidney Ball, and all the other people who put their families before their jobs in the past, would be as pleased as we are that our students and our staff no longer have to decide between the two and can try to work as well as raise a family.
The 450th Anniversary Fund

As part of the celebrations for St John’s 450th anniversary in 2005, the College launched a campaign to establish a 450 Fund in order to raise support for graduate scholarships. Having already successfully completed an undergraduate course with potentially substantial debt, the brightest and most talented prospective graduate students may postpone and/or abandon further studies, or consider a lower-ranked university overseas that has the ability to cover the costs of tuition fees and maintenance. Securing support for graduate scholarships is a strategic priority for St John’s. Graduate students are our future Junior Research Fellows, Tutors and Professors. They form an integral part of the St John’s community and without them there is a huge loss to undergraduate students and academics alike. Since the 450 Fund was created, over fifteen graduate students have received a scholarship to undertake studies in a wide range of subjects including Experimental Psychology, Oriental Studies, and Clinical Medicine. We are proud of St John’s 450th Anniversary Scholars and the difference the Fund has made to the lives of these graduate students. Thank you to all of the 450 Fund benefactors for making these scholarships available.

In this section, we meet some of the current 450 Fund Scholars.

Myfanwy James (DPhil International Development, 2016)

I am a first-year DPhil student at the Department of International Development. My DPhil is funded by the St John’s College 450th Anniversary Fund, and the Economic and Social Research Council. My research explores humanitarian negotiations with non-state armed groups in conflict zones, in order to gain access to populations under their control. I am interested in the factors that determine whether international humanitarian organisations successfully negotiate access to non-state armed group territory and how relationships between humanitarian organisations and non-state armed groups are formed, maintained and understood.

Prior to my DPhil at Oxford, I completed an undergraduate degree in History at the University of Bristol. I also hold a Master’s degree in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics and Political Science. I have experience working in the development and humanitarian sectors. As a student I ran a small, UK-registered charity that supports grassroots NGOs in Nepal, Uganda and Malawi. I worked for local NGOs in Malawi and Uganda that focused on community-based income generation projects and education. I also worked for GlobalGiving UK as a Field Evaluator, travelling to Ethiopia to conduct evaluations of three of the organisation’s local partners. Whilst at the LSE, I worked as a consultant for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Having grown up in Oxford, returning as a DPhil student at St John’s has given me the opportunity to experience the other side of the city and the unique social and academic environment fostered within the College.

Rose Hodgson (DPhil Clinical Medicine, 2016)

My DPhil involves researching the genetic basis of immunodeficiency in the Cornall Lab, based at the Old Road Campus. In particular, I will be investigating the stages of early lymphocyte development and the induction and maintenance of B cell anergy. As a member of St John’s College, I have really enjoyed becoming part of the MCR and have made firm friends through this. Participating in the MCR has made my first term at Oxford incredibly fun thanks to all the excellent events that have been organised. It has been great to be able to balance out the hard work in the lab with enjoying being a member of such a vibrant community. I have particularly appreciated the special formals arranged for different events, especially the MCR welcome event. I have also really valued the more informal events including wine-and-cheese evenings and visits to the cinema and theatre arranged by the MCR. Since settling in College, I have joined the SJC netball team and although I often can’t make the games as they are on midweek afternoons (when I am in labs), the training and events have brought another social aspect and have been a great way to meet new people. Next year, I hope to live in College again as it is great to be able to come home from the lab and join in with whatever the MCR have planned for that evening. It is an honour to be able to contribute to such a thriving academic environment. I already feel a strong connection to St John’s and its community, and know how I am lucky to be a part of it.
Graduate Scholars

St John's College is home to a thriving graduate community. In addition to the 450th Anniversary Fund Scholarships, we are also fortunate to be able to offer a number of graduate scholarships, enabling us to attract the brightest and best students, who might otherwise be unable to undertake their studies.

The Angus McLeod Scholarship

Benefactor Angus McLeod (Modern History, 1982) began donating to St John's in 2009, and in 2015 set up a scholarship open to graduate students. Here we meet Ivan Candido Ferreira, the current scholar.

Ivan Candido Ferreira

(DPhil Medical Sciences, 2016)

My interest in and passion for scientific research started in high school, and is something I pursued throughout my undergraduate degree, taken at the Biosciences Institutes at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. I have been able to take up a number of internships during my studies, including working at the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford.

Now that I am back at the University of Oxford as a DPhil student, my project will focus on a remarkable transient population of cells: the neural crest, that give rise to a variety of vertebrate-specific features, such as cranio-facial elements, peripheral nervous system, pigment cells, smooth muscle and many others. Due to the unique multipotency of neural crest cells, there is broad interest in exploring their potential in stem cell-based therapies. I will focus on neural crest cells, there is broad interest in exploring their regenerative potential in stem cell-based therapies. I will be working at the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford.

The Lamb and Flag Scholarship

It is heartening to know that each time you sit down for a pint or a meal in the Lamb and Flag, you are supporting graduate students at St John's. The Lamb and Flag Scholarships were set up in 2000, after the College took over the license of the pub from Halls Brewery, who had leased it since 1829. Starting in 2012, the Scholarships have been awarded in partnership with the University RCUK awards, and cover both University and College fees as well as living expenses for the duration of the student's studies. Below we hear from current scholar Zack Grant.

Zack Grant

(DPhil Politics, 2016)

I am a first-year DPhil student in the Politics department, working on a thesis analysing (and hopefully, in part, explaining) the secular decline in support for social democratic parties (also known as the ‘centre-left’, for example Labour [UK] or the SPD [Germany]) in advanced democracies. My research looks particularly at the competition between these established left-wing parties and ‘niche’ political parties of the radical right (e.g. UKIP or the Front National [France], radical left (e.g. SYRIZA [Greece] and Podemos [Spain]), and Green party families. I aim to establish why these large, historical parties have haemorrhaged votes to these minor competitors over the last few decades and what, if anything, they could do to win them back. My methodology is based on quantitative evaluation of survey data and party manifestos, in addition to survey experiments.

In addition to my studies, I am the social secretary for the Oxford University Taekwondo Team, and I also volunteer (with other students) at a food shelter for the homeless based in St Giles. I am very grateful for the support of alumni, without which I could not have taken up the opportunity to study at Oxford.

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Nicholas Bratt Scholarship

Benefactor Nicholas Bratt (PPE, 1967) established this scholarship in 2013, in order to fund the studies of graduate scholars, regardless of subject. Below, we hear from current student Edward Love, who having studied at St John’s for his undergraduate degree, has returned to the College to undertake a DPhil.

Edward Love

(DPhil Oriental Studies, Egyptology, 2016)

From 2010–14, I spent four consecutive years at St John’s, first as an undergraduate student in Egyptology, and then as a Master’s student. During this time I was able to make extensive use of the Special Grants available to students, which financed research trips that took me from the remains of an Early Iron Age settlement near ancient Antioch in modern-day Turkey, to a spectacular Late Period tomb of a Nubian prince on the West Bank of Luxor in Egypt. I have recently been able to return to St John’s as a DPhil student. My research involves studying the Egyptian corpus of ‘Letters to Gods’, complemented by the practice of ‘Magical Tests’, in which individuals were able to interact directly with deities in order to bring about tangible changes to their lived experience. I believe this can provide fresh insights into the conceptions of, and interaction with, the divine in the minds of ancient Egyptians from Egypt’s Late Period (circa seventh century BCE) to the ‘end’ of Egyptian culture in the Roman Period (circa third century CE).

I feel very grateful for the funding I have been awarded, and particularly as it is a result of the generosity of an alumnus of St John’s, someone who has lived the same rewarding experience that I have. I feel not only an immense sense of gratitude to my College, University, and to the predominant benefactor of my scholarship for facilitating this transition to DPhil, but also a sense of responsibility to contribute to the diverse environment that makes up St John’s; an environment that I am sure my benefactor, like myself, continues to treasure.

The Dr Yungtai Hsu Scholarship

Benefactor Dr Yungtai Hsu, who studied for both an undergraduate degree and a DPhil at St John’s, founded this scholarship in 2005, to support graduate students on the MSc/MPhil in Environmental Change and Management, with an interest in environmental protection and development in China or Taiwan. Below we hear from current scholar, Jin Cui.

Jin Cui

(MSc Environmental Change and Management, 2016)

Born and raised in the most ancient Chinese capital city Xi’an, I was awarded a full scholarship to study in Australia in 2008, where I trained as a geographer, specialising in Geographic Information Science. My work since has been varied, including working at a top tier GIS consulting company in Australia (where I was the first female training manager in the company’s history), and working with a number of Australian governmental bodies. I have also managed large scale international development and capacity building programmes. My team has recently been awarded an UNFCCC lighthouse award on mapping climate-induced sea-level rise projections and impacts in the Pacific Island countries and communities.

Currently I am reading for the Environmental Change and Management Master’s Programme at the Oxford Environmental Change Institute. My goal is to research effective toolkits on shaping smart, informed, and resilient communities, through in-depth understanding of environmental change and responsible governance, coupled with the power of digital technology. I am truly enjoying my time at St John’s for its beautiful, safe, and enabling environment. I am grateful to have been able to receive a scholarship from one of our alumni; this will always remind me to give back to those who carry with them big dreams in the future.
Thank you to all who have given to St John's
International Travel Enhancing Academic Achievement

Duveen Travel Scholarship
Benefactor: Mr Peter Loose (Jurisprudence, 1953) and The Mildred Duveen Charitable Trust

Generously supported by The Mildred Duveen Charitable Trust, the travel scholarship is offered annually to a student of St John’s to contribute to their intellectual and professional development by visiting alumni in the United States and Canada. Here, Rhiannon Rees (Oriental Studies, 2013) writes about her experience.

As a fourth-year student of Arabic and Persian, I was extremely excited to receive this award. I have hopes to pursue further study in the United States on completion of my undergraduate degree, and was thrilled to be offered this chance to explore the country which I hope will become my new home. I decided on an itinerary which led me down the East Coast, from New York to Georgia, before travelling across to New Orleans, and back up to Chicago. This was planned around my aim to visit many of the great universities in the United States, and in total I was able to visit Georgetown, Harvard, MIT, Colombia, the University of Pennsylvania, Brown and Chicago. This has thoroughly set me up for thinking about my future studies.

I commenced my travels by flying into New York, before heading up to Boston, where I took a short course in International Politics at Harvard University. This fascinating course was taught by two alumni of St John’s. The course was highly interesting, and confirmed my desire to study in the United States. Getting to meet alumni has been one of the things I have appreciated most about my trip, realising the importance of our shared experience, of having studied at St John’s, has been extremely enjoyable. I received lots of advice from alumni about studying in the USA, and am grateful to Keith Brown (Literae Humaniores, 1984), and Pascale and Paul Lansley Harris.

I had great fun exploring Boston, and was even able to enjoy a truly American experience: attending a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park. The atmosphere was fantastic, although I was still unsure who had won by the end of the game!

My trip coincided with the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, and so was a particularly interesting time to be in the United States. Watching the conventions live with people who had a real stake in them gave me a fascinating insight into American politics. I arrived in Philadelphia just as the Democratic National Convention was ending, which made for a memorable visit.

Washington, DC was a particular highlight of my trip, as was visiting the many monuments there, and the Smithsonian museums. I also loved wandering about the used bookshops in Georgetown. From there, I moved on to Virginia, visiting the historic Monticello (Thomas Jefferson’s plantation), and stunning Shenandoah National Park – this made quite a change from the urban scenery I had been used to during my trip. Following this I arrived in the beautiful southern cities of Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, before heading to New Orleans, where I took a flight up to Chicago. Regrettably this was my last stop, but it was well worth the trip for the wonderful museums, and in particular the Islamic Studies Centre.

It was truly a privilege to visit so many new places and meet so many fascinating people. As well as being a hugely exciting opportunity to travel, this trip has made me sad to be leaving St John’s. It is clear that College has had a profound impact on everyone who has spent time there. I am consoled by the fact that the connection with St John’s, and between each other, as members of the alumni community, is one that clearly continues long beyond graduation.

This truly was the trip of a lifetime, and I am truly grateful to all the alumni who contacted me, and welcomed me. My gratitude goes particularly to Mr Peter Loose and The Mildred Duveen Charitable Trust, whose generosity made this trip possible.

I greatly appreciated getting to meet alumni
The Hem Mahindra Travel Scholarship
Benefactor: Mr Ashok Mahindra (PPE, 1962)

The Hem Mahindra Travel Scholarship was set up in 2013 by Ashok Mahindra (PPE, 1962) in memory of his father, Hem Mahindra (PPE, 1925). Its aim is to broaden the understanding of India and Indian culture, and to give St John’s students the chance to meet alumni and others in the country. Here James Broadhead (Physics, 2015) writes about his experiences in India in the vacation of 2016.

In Hilary Term of 2016 I was fortunate enough to be awarded the Hem Mahindra Travel Scholarship, giving me the opportunity to travel to India over the summer vacation. This provides travel scholars with a fantastic opportunity to explore the culture and history of India, and to make and reinforce connections between the College and its alumni in India. Part of the scholarship requires choosing an academic focus to the trip. I have always been fascinated by technology, and its increasing role in shaping the world around us, and from this I decided to devote the academic focus of my journey to observing the impact of technological adoption on social mobility.

My journey started in Delhi, where I was generously hosted by Mr Ashok Mahindra himself. As well as the academic focus, a key element of the scholarship is to engage with the culture and history of India. I took this opportunity to explore the city itself, and its many historical sites. I was able to visit Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. This had a surprising connection with Oxford, as I had been inspired to visit it by seeing a model of the minaret in the Ashmolean Museum. During my time in Delhi I was also graciously invited to a number of social events with Mr Mahindra, where I was able to meet many of his friends, and learn about their varied careers and interests, from accounting and science to photography and business. One such event was the launch of a new book by one of India’s leading wildlife photographers, Dhritiman Mukherjee, Magical Biodiversity of India, hosted at the WWF office in Delhi. The incredible commitment to the art form that the book represented, and the passion and drive of the photographer, were really inspiring, and remarkably humbling. A real highlight of my time in Delhi was a visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra, which proved to be as spectacular as I had expected. The beauty of the building itself is compounded by the human stories behind it, both of its founding, and of the present day lives of those who rely on it as a means of income. One got a real sense that behind every great achievement there is a very human story of struggle and survival.

From Delhi, I then travelled to Jaipur. Steeped in magnificent reminders of its past, Jaipur is a dramatic mix of forts and palaces which offer a look into the history of the city and the state of Rajasthan. In Jaipur I met Mr Abhishek Kumar, who was kind enough to offer me some insights into the growing role of technology. I was extremely grateful to him also for his offer of an invitation to the birthday celebrations of H H Maharaja Padmanabh Singh, which were held in the City Palace. This gave me a real sense of the living history of India, and a poignant insight into the importance of tradition in the city.

From Jaipur, I travelled to the southern state of Karnataka, and the city of Bengaluru, where I explored how start-up businesses are developing in this modern hub, and how home-grown technology is tackling the challenges of modern day India. Bengaluru is a very diverse city, and gave me a fascinating insight into how India is striving to tackle the issues of population and social division through innovation and research. Mr Chaudhury, the uncle of a friend at St John’s, was generous in introducing me to his contacts in the tech industry.

I learnt a lot during my trip about how social barriers are being broken down through access to e-commerce companies, and how these sites have opened up the market for the provision of goods to people who may feel a level of social stigma or geographical difficulty in shopping in large malls. Talking to rickshaw drivers gave a fascinating insight into how their industry is being revolutionised by the use of mobile apps, to increase the number of customers, as well as to allow them to keep in contact with family members, who often live great distances away. One of the great aspects of this technological adoption is that it is not only the young who are benefitting. On one occasion I spoke to a man whose elderly mother would frequently video call her doctor to provide updated healthcare information. It is exciting to contemplate how this application of technology on a large scale could fundamentally revolutionise the healthcare system in India, and by extension the education system. Education is well
acknowledged as the greatest means of social mobility, and whilst technology for entertainment is an appreciated cause, the true power of technology is its ability to connect people and information.

The final step of my journey took me to Mumbai, where I was lucky enough to be hosted by Dr Sundeep Waslekar (PPE, 1981). From him I learnt a great deal about his work in the fields of conflict resolution and water diplomacy. He was also kind enough to arrange a meeting for me with the former Editor-in-Chief of Forbes India, in which we discussed the issues that I had been researching, and I learnt a great deal from his unique experiences and perspective.

Be it through the lens of a camera, or through the many people that I met along the way, travelling to India has fundamentally changed the way in which I perceive the world. It is a country of great contrasts, which undoubtedly faces very real challenges to its infrastructure and in confronting poverty, but it is a country that is embracing the power of technology as a means of education and reform. Interwoven with the rich fabric of Indian culture is a real passion for development: from the rural farmers optimising their harvests through access to climate data, to the use of e-commerce to give people access to services and goods that a generation ago would have seemed impossible, technology is altering the lives of countless Indians, and has the potential to foster lasting change.

The visit emphasised for me the real privilege and honour of being part of the St John’s community, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped me whilst in India. My deepest gratitude goes to Mr Ashok Mahindra for providing me with this wonderful opportunity, and for his support throughout my time in Delhi. I would also especially like to thank Dr Sundeep Waslekar for his hospitality and generosity during my stay in Mumbai. My journey would not have been as fruitful without the much appreciated help of Mr Abhishek Kumar in Jaipur, and Mr Arunangshu Chaudhury in Bengaluru. India’s beauty, to me, is found not only in its rich history and the vibrancy of its culture, but also in the incredible hospitality and generosity that I encountered throughout my trip.

India is a truly fascinating country, full of vibrancy, generosity, and stunning natural beauty. It is a country that pays homage to its diverse history, yet that is positioning itself at the forefront of economic and technological development: aware both of the issues it faces, and the vital part that technology can play in overcoming them. Above all though, India is a country of life — raw and imperfect, but utterly enchanting.
Enriching the Student Experience with Special Grants

The Alumni Fund supports a number of areas of student finance, including the Special Grants which are awarded to help fund work and travel during the vacations to further the studies of undergraduates and graduates. Alongside other grants funded by alumni, these can make a real difference to students’ studies. In this section we hear from students who have benefitted from such support.

Evelyn Collins
(Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, 2014)

Since matriculating in Classical Archaeology and Ancient History in 2014, I have been really lucky to benefit from a number of grants awarded by College, which have enabled me to carry out and enrich my studies. In the summer of 2015, I flew to Rome with two other Oxford CAAHists. Much of our trip was taken up exploring the major ancient sites: the obligatory visit to the Colosseum, the fora, the Ara Pacis. We were also able to visit Augustus’ Mausoleum, The Theatre of Marcellus, and the Circus Maximus. As well as these major and world-famous sites, we also visited a number of more ‘niche’ sites, such as the last remaining fragment of an insula (apartment block) in ancient Rome and an arch of Domitian’s circus under the Piazza Navona. It was wonderful to be able to explore these lesser-known, but nonetheless fascinating sites. We also had a tremendous stroke of luck, as all these sites have featured in my course, so it was really great that the Special Grant was able to cover the cost of this. We were working as part of the Apolline Project, on a bathhouse complex. I was working on a fourth century AD trench, and discovered fascinating finds such as a coin and a single pearl dropped from an Ancient Roman’s necklace. Unfortunately our site stretched underneath a block of flats, so it was great to get to explore it. This was an incredibly formative trip for me, as all these sites have featured in my module choices. I was also able to visit the aedes Vestae, which was extremely important for me, as my dissertation is on a portrait of a Vestal Virgin that came from this site. It really enlivened my study to be able to visit the origins of the piece.

We then travelled to Pollena Trochia, where we took part in an archaeological dig on Mount Vesuvius for two weeks. This was a compulsory part of my course, so it was really great that the Special Grant was able to cover the cost of this. We were working as part of the Apolline Project, on a bath-house complex. I was working on a fourth century AD trench, and discovered fascinating finds such as a coin and a single pearl dropped from an Ancient Roman’s necklace. Unfortunately our site stretched underneath a block of flats, so it was great to get to explore it. This was an incredibly formative trip for me, as all these sites have featured in my module choices. I was also able to visit the aedes Vestae, which was extremely important for me, as my dissertation is on a portrait of a Vestal Virgin that came from this site. It really enlivened my study to be able to visit the origins of the piece.

These trips have added a richness to my understanding which cannot be gleaned solely from books.
There is a history here of great architecture that stretches back hundreds of years. For most of the College’s history – until 1933, in fact – students were not allowed in the Library, which was reserved for the Fellows. As the Fellows had their own books – or, in some cases, appear to have read no books whatsoever – this often meant that the place was empty for days at a stretch. For years the Steward of the Senior Common Room was also ex officio Librarian and, as one College history puts it, ‘the accounts were not kept so strictly separate as was desirable in the interests of literature.’

The Library and Study Centre

The Library at St John’s has experienced a chequered history, surviving neglect, ill-advised re-cataloguing, and the predicted ‘death of the book.’ It has adapted throughout, and continues to change to face the challenges of modern scholarship. Vice President, The Reverend Professor William Whyte, introduces the latest of these innovations and the benefits it will bring to the College community.
In many respects, such neglect was infinitely preferable to the awful moments when the Fellows did take an interest. In the 1870s that most regrettable of all college functions – a committee – was set up to oversee the Library. Its members decided to re-catalogue and reorganise the place. As a later Librarian, A. T. S. Goodrick, wryly observed, the result was little short of catastrophic. Books were re-catalogued simply according to the shelf they sat on. ‘As a shelf often contained sixty or seventy volumes,’ however, ‘this produced some slight but not unpleasing uncertainty’ when it came to locating a single work. Worse still, the Fellows also translated the titles, place of publication, and printers’ names in their catalogue. ‘Its effect’, Goodrick noted, was ‘more easily to be imagined than described’; although the fact ‘That Haganoa, Hanoria, and Hannovera are treated as synonyms is a small matter to one who has been acclimatized.’ It gets worse. ‘Lastly, some members of the Committee appear to have taken their stand on the well-tried principle that the value of a work diminishes in proportion to its antiquity.’ These were, as the Librarian declared, ‘beliefs bordering on hallucination.’

All this, however, is now ancient history. The Library catalogue is completely computerised and with the publication of three glossy as well as informative volumes – Ralph Hanna on the Western Medieval Manuscripts, Emilie Savage-Smith on the Oriental Manuscripts, and Mark Sosower on the Greek Manuscripts – scholars have a better and richer understanding of our holdings than ever before. Still more remarkably, the Library is full: full of students. Indeed, it is packed to capacity, with refugees now filling the Kendrew Quad Café as they seek places to work. With only 79 library desks and over 600 students they can hardly do otherwise.

This is not just a break with continuity. It is also something of a surprise. The death of the book has been long predicted. The age of digital media was meant to have killed it off. Academic journals, too, are now all online. And yet, the number of books actually keeps increasing. The Library keeps growing and we can now offer half of the working collection on open shelves. More importantly still, the way that students work – and the sorts of work they are asked to do – has changed. There is more emphasis on group work and a greater enthusiasm for working in groups even for those students who are writing their essays or solving their problem sheets on their own.

All this means one thing: that the Library is now just not big enough. This presents the College with a problem, for there is little room for it to grow. In the 1970s, Howard Colvin – then Fellow Librarian – managed to create space for an extra 20,000 books and 30 readers by annexing the sets beneath the Old Library and creating the Paddy Room. But even this bibliographical Lebensraum was never enough and of course, it means that there is now nowhere else to go. Over the years, a variety of inventive solutions has been proposed, with underground reading rooms planned to run under the Great Lawn or beneath the Gooseberry Garden outside the Holmes Building. None of these was considered feasible.

Now a solution seems at hand. In a work of supreme self-sacrifice, the President has yielded a substantial part of her garden to enable an extension which will run from the end of the Laudian Library all the way to Thomas White Quad. The Paddy Room will be returned to teaching rooms and the Old Library will be restored. All this will double the number of reader places and double the current amount of shelving. It will make the Library – at last – accessible to wheelchair users. And it will also make it safer. Until this year, the only fire escape was a trap door and then a rope ladder leading from the Laudian Library into the locked storage below. In the event of a conflagration those who did not break their necks descending would almost certainly have been burnt to death.

The architects are Wright and Wright, the foremost firm in library design. They have recently and radically restored and extended the Library at Magdalen, and have also worked at Corpus Christi Cambridge, the Society of Antiquaries, the Architectural Association, and elsewhere. Shortly after getting our commission, they were employed to build a library at Lambeth Palace, meaning they have at least two Laudian projects on hand.
Their plan is complex – and necessarily so, for they are having to integrate multiple functions on a highly pressurised site. Howard Colvin – not just Fellow Librarian, but also the foremost architectural historian of his generation – believed that Canterbury Quad was the most beautiful building in Britain. Any addition to it has a lot to live up to. The College garden is also precious and needs to be protected from unsightly developments. Even the wall dividing the Groves from the President’s land is listed. It was built in 1613 after a benefaction by a former Fellow, Edward Sprott, and rejoices in the name of the Sprott Wall.

The new building will consist of four floors. A basement level will provide massive amounts of new storage and also offer secure and safe places for the special collections to be kept. Over the years the College has amassed an internationally important set of manuscripts: a ninth-century gospel, a thirteenth-century bestiary, Caxton’s Canterbury Tales, and others. This will finally mean that they are properly housed. Above this basement level will come a ground floor, with shelving and also spaces for informal and group work. Then there is a mezzanine with individual desks and yet more shelving. Above that is the first floor, which will be a comfortable reading room and also includes a large and airy seminar space.

Work has already begun. The President’s garden is full of builders and a big hole. For the duration of the building project, the Great Lawn has also been given up to materials and equipment. And some parts of the project are already finished. In future the entrance to the Library from Canterbury Quad will not be through the narrow door Colvin inserted in the south-west corner in 1976. Rather, readers will arrive through the Otranto passage – the old storage room under the Laudian Library, facing the gardens, which was once intended as a refuge in case of fire. This has been transformed from a dark hole into a light and welcoming space: ‘a masterclass in the art of invisible mending’, as the Royal Institute of British Architects Journal enthused in its report on the work.

Passing through this new entrance, one walks along a remarkable new work of art by the glass artist Kirsty Brooks. Yards long, it uses glass, light, wood, and metal to recreate the history of the College. In her words:

‘A mathematically accurate series of abstracted documents, maps and books are placed along a precise timeline with a year being represented by seven centimetres. Aspects of the surrounding College architecture are directly translated into the piece alongside references to the history of glassmaking during this period. The artwork also references key people who helped set up and establish the College but is also a linear study of patina and proportion, being manufactured to subtly reveal its contents over time.’

At its end, the reader encounters a brand-new staircase, which leads up to the Laudian Library. Beautifully made, and made to last, it demonstrates, as one journalist observed, that ‘St John’s thinks for the long term.’

The new building will also showcase major works of art. Most strikingly, it will be ornamented by a massive stone relief carved by sculptor Susannah Heron. Her work can be found all across the country – in Liverpool, London and beyond. She is perhaps best known for reliefs at the Council of the European Union in Brussels, at the British Embassy in Dublin, and at the Cambridge Botanical Garden. This, though, will be her first Oxford project and its scale means it is also one of her largest undertakings.

All this work has had the unexpected effect of revealing new aspects of the College’s history. To link this new staircase with the northern end of the Laudian Library, a doorway had to be created. In the process of opening the wall, the old, lost and abandoned seventeenth-century doorway was rediscovered. We are the first to see it for 300 years. Undertaking archaeological work in preparation for the extension has also uncovered evidence from the early years of the College and – still more excitingly – a Saxon ditch which may have stretched halfway round the city.

In that sense, the new Library and Study Centre marks not just an opportunity to improve the conditions in which our students work – although it will certainly do just that. It is also an exciting chance for us to add to the landscape of the College – and to add something every bit as remarkable as the buildings already there. Some Fellows of the past may well have neglected the Library – or worse. There is, however, a history here of great works and great architecture: one that stretches back hundreds of years. Now we are writing a new page in that history and building a library not just for the twentieth-first century but for forever.
Reaching Out and Looking to the Future

It has been a busy year in Access and Outreach at St John’s – here we take a look at all we have achieved, and all we hope to achieve in the coming years.

St John’s encourages all students to realise their potential. We are committed to academic excellence, admitting students of the highest academic ability regardless of their capacity to fund their education. We are also committed to ensuring that, once in College, we support them in order to nurture and cultivate their talents for success in their studies and beyond. We welcome diversity in our student body with an inclusive community representing a variety of genders, ethnic origins and disabilities as well as social, economic and educational backgrounds. We highly value the support of our alumni in enabling us to realise these goals, and are grateful for all they have done in helping us to make this possible.

St John’s works closely with our linked schools in Brighton & Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex, and the London Boroughs of Ealing and Harrow. The College’s Access and Outreach Officer arranges for current St John’s undergraduates to visit these schools as well as welcoming high-achieving pupils to visit the College and Oxford throughout the year.

The annual Ambassador Roadshow – a programme sending current undergraduate students to deliver talks and workshops about their experience of Oxford. In July 2016, the Ambassadors spoke to over 500 pupils in 20 schools from Year 8 to Year 13.

Subject Study Days – We reached out to over 200 pupils in 170 schools.

Year 13 Application Information Sessions – We helped 115 pupils from 22 schools better understand the Oxford application process.

The Classics & Ancient History Essay Competition received 126 entries from 94 schools.

In addition to the College’s activities, we also participated in a number of University-wide schemes. The UNIQ Summer Schools programme is open to Year 12 pupils, from areas or backgrounds less likely to apply to Oxford, and provides them with a taste of life at Oxford, offering a week’s stay in College, and the opportunity to attend lectures and tutorials in their chosen subject, as well as social events, and information on the application process. Participants in this programme have been shown to have an application success rate which is double that of the average candidate. We also contributed to the Oxford Pathways programme, which aims to provide information, advice and guidance on higher education and Oxford, to academically able students, and staff members, in non-selective state schools with little history of student progression to Oxford.

Looking to the Future

While we are proud of our success and our students’ considerable achievements, we think it is important to continue to develop and improve our programme. Our strategic focus will be upon groups traditionally under-represented at Oxford, particularly students from schools and colleges which historically have had limited progression to Oxford: students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds; students from neighbourhoods with low participation in higher education; and Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic students. Our aim is not only to attract applications but to support student success. Our activities will cover the student lifecycle, from raising aspirations and supporting applications, to supporting transition to university and making the most of the full range of opportunities Oxford offers, acquiring the skills and experience to succeed not only as a student but in the workplace and beyond. We hope that we will have the support of our alumni as we continue to reach out to students with significant academic ability, ensuring that we support them in their journey with us here at St John’s.
The Lasting Impact of Alumni Philanthropy

In this new section, we look at how alumni support has made a lasting impact on students at St John’s, enabling them to fulfil their potential, and excel in their subjects. Here, new alumni Violet Adams and Andrea Luppi tell us about their time at Oxford, and where their studies have led them.

**Violet Adams**  
(English Language and Literature, 2013)  
My years at St John’s College were some of the best of my life. I broke bread with some of the finest minds in the world, slept in libraries, discovered lifelong friends, performed Shakespeare, debated the precise implications of Walt Whitman’s hat, had my mind blown on a daily basis, ate far too many instant noodles, and devoted myself to the study of the greatest literature ever written. A highlight of my studies at Oxford was working with Professor Hayes on my dissertation, ‘The Transformations of Folly in Beckett’s Drama’, for which I was awarded the Gibbs prize for the highest achieving dissertation in the School of English.

I was also lucky enough to benefit from a number of the College’s generous grants and scholarships. I was able to use the Special Grant to attend a conference in Paris, which was attended by all the major figures in my area of interest. I am now considering PhDs with five of the people I met there, so it was an incredibly helpful trip. In more pragmatic terms, the Academic Grant enabled me to replace my laptop, which was very old and outdated when I arrived at St John’s.

The experiences I gained at St John’s have greatly helped me solidify my future plans. I’m now pursuing the psychology side of my degree, studying for an MSc in Neuroscience here in Oxford. It is only a year-long course, so I’m already looking ahead and applying for PhDs, of course including at Oxford. I have truly had a great experience at St John’s, and at Oxford, and hope that I will be able to continue this association, both as an academic, and as an alumnus.

**Andrea Luppi**  
(Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics, 2013)  
While at St John’s I was able to make use of a great number of opportunities, both academic and non-academic. Throughout my undergraduate degree I was part of the Bryant Society, the College’s society for psychology, neuroscience and biomedical sciences. While serving as President of the Society during my third year, I particularly enjoyed meeting external speakers (and getting to choose who to invite!), but it was also a great opportunity to meet others in St John’s who worked in similar areas to my own, especially the Fellows and the graduate students. This was a nice way of gaining a sense of a broader College community, not limited to the undergraduate body.

This mixing of communities was furthered in my own case by the fact that I studied a combined degree. Because philosophy and psychology are quite different disciplines, and can complement each other very well, I always had something new and stimulating to work on. My research project was a particularly important part of my degree, as I have plans to pursue a career in the field. This project made use of a technique called transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), to temporarily (and safely!) interfere with the activity of a small brain region called the temporo-parietal junction (TPJ), in this task. The right TPJ is an interesting area because damage in this location, which is common as a result of stroke, is typically associated with hemispatial neglect, an attentional deficit syndrome. Understanding what kind of information-processing this region performs in the healthy brain can then inform our understanding and interpretation of the syndrome.

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Alumni Supporting St John’s in College and Around the World

We are very grateful to all the alumni supporting St John’s in a variety of ways. From hosting events to providing expert advice to speaking at student engagements, our alumni are generous in giving their time and knowledge. You will find below a few examples showcasing the impact alumni have made this past year on the College, its students and activities.

Connecting at the Women’s Network Weekend

In January, a group of alumnae gathered in College to discuss ideas to take forward the legacy of the 2000 Women celebrations. Led by the President, the sessions were thought-provoking and encouraged conversation as well as collaboration. From this energising weekend, the Development and Alumni Relations team will be considering a number of ideas to enable the women of St John’s to connect and support one another.


Inspiring the Next Generation at the Holdsworth Society Dinner

Sir Keith Lindblom (1975) delivered an inspiring speech at the annual Holdsworth Society Dinner in March. Students and alumni were treated to stories from his life and experiences as a Lord Justice in the Court of Appeal. Thank you to Sir Keith for encouraging future barristers, solicitors and legal scholars at this formative time in their studies.

Hosting St John’s in America

As part of the University of Oxford’s North America Reunion in April, St John’s visited Boston, New York and Washington, DC.

In Boston, Ekkehard Kasper (1988) hosted a wonderful informal reception for nearly two dozen alumni and their guests at the Precinct Kitchen + Bar. Professor John Pitcher, Founder’s Fellow, regaled us with amusing updates from College, and congratulated the alumni community on all it has achieved during his years at St John’s.

We next travelled to the hustle and bustle of New York City, where we were very fortunate to have Lizzie Macaulay-Lewis (2000) host a reception in her charming home on the Upper East Side. The President presided over the evening and delighted us with stories of St John’s academic and student success over the past year, including the College’s University Challenge team making the Final.

Last but not least, we joined the University and its Alumni Weekend in Washington, DC. Having survived a weekend full of plenaries, lectures and activities, St John’s alumni had the opportunity to relax and network at a drinks reception hosted by Heath Tarbert (2001) at the law offices of Allen & Overy. This was followed by dinner at Zaytinya where we gathered together over a family-style meal and enjoyed each other’s company and conversation into the night.

We are tremendously grateful to our generous hosts in each city. Thank you.

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Meet the Team

The Development and Alumni Relations Office is at the heart of maintaining the College’s alumni community both in the UK and around the world. From philanthropic fundraising to organising an increasingly diverse programme of events, publishing TW and Benefactors, and sending out eNewsletters, the team takes on a wide range of activities, all with the aim of generating and maintaining relationships between the College and its alumni. We know that the relationship with the College is an important one, not only during one’s studies, but also well beyond graduation, and we aim to ensure that St John’s alumni continue to benefit from this for years to come. Here we meet the team, and we hear a little about their individual roles.

Amber Bielby
Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Amber leads the Development and Alumni Relations team as Director. Her primary responsibilities are to develop St John’s strategy for fundraising and alumni engagement, encourage the College’s relationship with its alumni and benefactors, and ensure that St John’s has the financial resources it needs to deliver significant projects, such as the new Library and Study Centre.

Emily Ding
Development and Alumni Relations Assistant
Emily assists with the administration of the Development and Alumni Relations Office and is the person to contact for general queries and in order to update us on any changes of contact details. Emily also looks after the Alumni House, taking Guest Room bookings and maintaining the Alumni Common Room as a convenient resting spot for alumni visiting Oxford.

James Driscoll
Development Operations Manager
James manages the College’s alumni database and ensures that we are using your data in a safe and secure manner, as well as keeping us up-to-date with current and incoming rules and regulations. He also manages the College’s gift administration, and works with the College’s Accounts department to track and manage the team’s finances effectively.

Juanita Hughes
Alumni and Benefactor Relations Manager
Juanita oversees the annual programme of alumni and benefactor events, which aim to build relationships with the alumni community both in the UK and abroad. This includes creating opportunities for student engagement and directing the production of the College’s annual publications, TW and Benefactors.

Helen McCombie
Alumni and Benefactor Relations Officer
Helen works to deliver St John’s large programme of events as well as producing publications, including Benefactors, TW, and eNewsletters. She organises our new series of regional events, and will be running this year’s offering of Gaudies. She is the person to get in touch with if you have questions about upcoming events, or would like to publish a note in an eNewsletter or TW.

Jacob Ward
Development Manager
Jacob manages St John’s regular giving programme, encouraging all alumni to support the College and its students at a level appropriate to each individual. This encompasses a broad range of activities, most notably the two Telephone Campaigns which take place each year. Additionally, he manages the 1555 Society, which exists to thank those who have made an ongoing gift to College, and the St John’s Boat Club Society, which is a vehicle for former members of the Club to remain involved and to support the rowers who have come after them.

From left to right: Juanita Hughes, Helen McCombie, James Driscoll, Jacob Ward, Amber Bielby, and Emily Ding.
This section contains the names of major and core benefactors, and all donors who have given between 1 August 2015 and 31 July 2016. Please accept our apologies for any errors.

Major Benefactors

Sir Thomas and Lady White Benefactors (£1,000,000+)

The Lord Fraser of Corriegarth 1965 ∆ * LD
Professor Ioan James Hon Fellow and Dr Rosemary James * LD
Mr Angus McLeod 1982 ◊ * LD
Mr Graham Sharp 1979 ∆
Mr Bernard Taylor 1975 and Hon Fellow ∆ LD

Laud Benefactors (£750,000+)

Anonymous Friend ◊
The late Miss Patricia Adams Friend

Rawlinson Benefactors (£500,000+)

Mr Nicholas Bratt 1967 ◊ * LD
Mr Daniel Sifkin 1984 ◊

Holmes Benefactors (£250,000+)

Mr Edward Hocknell 1980 ◊ LD
Dr Yungtai Hsu 1971 ◊ LD *
Mr Matthew Lindsey-Clark 1981 and Mrs Frances Lindsey-Clark 1981 ◊ LD
The late Mr Alan Root 1942 LD
Mr Roger Short 1958 and Mrs Susan Short ◊ LD

Fereday Benefactors (£100,000+)

Mr John Appleby 1962 * LD
The late Mr Gordon Baker Fellow
Mr Derek J Benham Friend ◊
Dr Peter Fan 1954 LD
The late Professor Elisabeth Fallaize and Professor Alan Grafen Fellows
Dr Eugene Lambert 1984 * LD
The Thompson Family Charitable Trust * LD

Casberd Benefactors (£50,000+)

Anonymous 1954 LD
Anonymous Fellow
Professor Dorothy Bishop Fellow
Mr David Fischel 1976 LD
Mr Brian Hill 1958 ◊ LD
Mr Geoffrey de Jager Fellow ∆
Mr Michael McDonough 1994 LD
Mr Michael Pragnell CBE 1965
The late Mr Stanley Ray Fellow
Mr Peter Thompson 1976 *
North Benefactors (£25,000+)

Mr Stephen Barber 1974 * LD
Mr Christopher Barfoot 1952 *
Mr Roger Barnes 1957 * LD
Mr Mark Bedingham 1974
The late Professor John Callomon 1946 LD
Mr Ronald Duff 1951
Professor Wendy Erber 1982 and Clinical Associate Professor Gary Hoffman * LD
Professor Kevin Gatter Fellow
Mr Simon Jay 1978
Mr Martin Jones 1987
The late Mr Burke Knapp 1933 and Hon Fellow LD
Dr Alastair Lawson Friend * LD
Mr David O’Connell 1982 LD
Dr Geoffrey Penzer 1962 in the name of J Ronald Penzer 1928 * LD
Mr Timothy Polglase 1980 * LD
Mr Gavin Sanderson 1976 * LD
Mr William A Scott 1975 LD
Mr Howard Smith 1986
Dr David Standring 1970 * LD
Mr Robert Tann 1976
Dr David Thomas 1975 * LD
Mr Richard Wake 1966 *
Dr Trudy Watt Friend LD *
Mr Mark White 1972 * LD
Juxon Benefactors (£10,000 +)

Anonymous 1949 LD
Anonymous 1951
Anonymous 1957 (£)
Anonymous 1981 LD
Mr Rupert Askin 1977
Mr Alexander Bashforth and Dr Pauline Bashforth 1988 * LD
Dr Ian Bostridge 1983 * LD
Dr Anthony Boyce 1957 * LD
Mr Charles Carson 1952 * LD
The late Professor Fritz Caspari 1933 and Hon Fellow
Mr Michael Collett 1989
Mr Philip Collins 1973
Mr Rupert Cook 1983 LD
Mr David Cullingham 1956 * LD
Mr John Davidson 1978
Mr Michael Day 1955 LD *
Mr Michael Deeming 1963 * LD
Mr Michael Diamond 1984
Mr John Eckersley 1949
Mr Thomas Ewing 1995 and Mrs Claire Ewing 1995 * LD
Professor Stephen Ferruolo 1971 * LD
Mr Jim Flux 1953 * LD
Mr Robert D Garvin 1972 * LD
Mr John Graham 1970 * LD
Sir Stuart Hampson 1966 * LD
Dr Joseph Hassett 2007
Mr Graham Heald 1971 * LD
Mr John Heath * Friend
Mr Michael Hodgson 1986 *
Mr Nicholas Hunsworth 1976
Mr Peter Jones 1963
Mr Allan Kaufman 1983 *
Mr Robert Kipling 1974
Dr Helen Lambert 1979 *
Mrs Cressida Legge 1987
The Hon Keith Long 1976 * LD
Mr Peter Loose 1953 * LD
Mr William Mackesy 1978 * LD
Mr Nigel Meir 1975 LD
Mr Denis Moriarty 1956 LD
Mr Sandy Murhead 1972
Mr Jonathan Nash 1981 * LD
Mr Toby Owens 1989 * LD

Mr Will Pack 1990
Dr Anthony Pawley 1962 * LD
Mr Bleddyn Phillips 1973
Professor John Ratcliffe 1957 * LD
The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Richards 1968 LD
Dr John Richards 1975 * LD
Mr Graham Robinson 1992
Mr David Ryan 1978
Sir Michael Scholar Hon Fellow and Lady Scholar LD
Mr Michael Servent 1989 *
Mr Pratik Shah 1992 LD
Mr Robert Shaw 1974 * LD
Ricky Shuttleworth 1958
The late Mr Richard Simon 1951 LD
Dr Gillian Sutherland Friend
Mr R G A M Swyer 1965 * LD
Dr Rashmi Tank 1988 * LD
Mr Roger Thomas 1974 * LD
Mr Ben Travers 1953
Mr John Waters 1984 * LD
Dr Jay Watson 1984
The late Professor Martin West 1955 and Dr Stephanie West
Mr Matthew Whitfield 1983 LD
Dr Jonathan Wittmann 1970 * LD
Donations 2015/16

Participation in 2015/16 by decade

Donations received in 2015/16 by region

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Mr Lancelot Grimke-Drayton LD
Mr Gilbert McMillan LD
Mr Douglas Nicholson

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1944
Mr Philip Bowcock LD
Dr John Jones LD
Mr Gordon Parke LD

1945
The late J Bernard L Gee LD
Mr Graham Hill LD
Mr Christopher Meyrick

1946
Anonymous LD
Anonymous LD
Mr Gerald Moriarty

1947
Professor Robert Spencer LD

1948
Anonymous LD
Dr Hugh Dingle LD
Mr John Read
The late Dr Alan Turberfield CBE LD
Revd Frank Wells LD

1949
Dr Robyn Cain LD
The late Revd Ernest Marvin

1950
Professor Paul Harvey LD
Mr Brian Hill LD
Mr Peter Hughes
Mr Alan Jacobs
Professor George Madge LD
Mr Michael Moriarty and Mrs Rachel Moriarty LD
Revd James Quin LD

1951
Anonymous (2)
Sir Alan Bailey LD
Mr Brian Hussey LD

1952
Anonymous LD
Mr Christopher Barfoot
Mr Charles Carson LD
Mr William Clarance LD
Professor Robert Hellwarth LD
Sir John Marsh LD
Mr Peter Mather LD
Mr Ron Middleton LD
Professor Francis Vella LD
Dr Alexander Welsh LD

1953
Anonymous LD
Mr Michael Cross LD
Mr Michael Day LD
Dr Robin Fabel LD
Mr Jim Flux LD
Mr Michael Godfrey LD
Mr Michael Goldsmith LD
Mr Richard Gowings
Mr Christopher Jones LD
Mr Nicholas Lynam LD
Professor Jack Matthews LD
Mr Geoffrey Poole
Mr David Rampton LD
Mr Charles Salsbury LD
Mr Richard Trist LD
Mr Martin Zissell LD

1954
Anonymous LD
Revd Alan Cliff LD
Mr Richard Cullingwood-Selby OBE
Mr David Cullingham LD
The late Mr Harry Gibson LD
Mr John Pollard LD
Revd James Whyboll LD
Professor Mark Wimbush

1955
Anonymous LD
Mr Michael Cross LD
Mr Michael Day LD
Dr Robin Fabel LD
Mr Jim Flux LD
Mr Michael Godfrey LD
Mr Michael Goldsmith LD
Mr Richard Gowings
Mr Christopher Jones LD
Mr Nicholas Lynam LD
Professor Jack Matthews LD
Mr Geoffrey Poole
Mr David Rampton LD
Mr Charles Salsbury LD
Mr Richard Trist LD
Mr Martin Zissell LD

1956
Anonymous LD
Dr Rodney Ahman
Mr Christopher Barlow LD
Dr Keith Corless
Mr Peter Hayes-Davies
Mr Neil Pearson
Mr Robert Pickard LD
Mr Richard Timms LD
Mr John Wilshaw LD

1957
Anonymous LD
Anonymous
Mr Henry Amar
Mr Colin Bagwell LD
Mr Roger Barnes LD
Dr Anthony Boxall LD
Dr Laurence Cook
Mr George Facer
Mr Keith Gerrish LD
Brian Halpin LD
Dr Raymond Harvey LD
Mr Alexander Leslie
His Honour Crawford Lindsay QC LD
Revd Peter Math LD
Professor Michael Pratt LD
Professor John Ratzliffe LD
Professor Keith Robinson
Mr Martin Shetton
Mr Alan Spooner LD
His Honour Judge Robert Taylor LD
Professor George Thomas
Mr Michael Walker LD
Mr Michael Wiseman
1958
Anonymous (2)
Mr David Bastow LD
Dr Rodney Bessent LD
Dr Clifton Cleveland LD
Mr Robert Crawley LD
Mr Denis Finning LD
Mr Anthony French MBE
Dr Charles Fryer
Mr David Harwood
Mr Clive Hanford LD
Mr Ian Jeffery LD
Mr Graham Laurie LD
Mr Nicholas Leonard
Mr Alan Matthews
Mr Stephen Orr
Mr Julian Otto LD

1959
Anonymous
Mr David Brierley
Dr Peter Collier LD
Mr Charles Dixon LD
Mr Peter Fidler LD
Tony Gladstone LD
Mr Peter Goodchild
The Hon Mr Marc Leland
Mr John Livesey LD
Mr Robert Lyons LD
Professor Michael Mulvaney
Professor Bryce Nelson LD
Dr Robert Oxlade LD
Dr Anthony Page LD
Mr Christopher Parker LD
Professor David Rowe
Mr Peter Sadler LD
The late Brian Salmon
Dr Adrian Sumner
Mr Peter Whittaker LD
Professor William Woodward LD

1960
His Honour Richard Behar LD
Mr John Hall
Mr Stephen Higginson LD
The late Hon Hugh Mayor
Professor Paul Murdin LD
His Honour Judge Andrew Patience QC LD
Dr Robert Tomkinson LD
Mr Martin Ward
Dr David Wigley
Professor David Winter

1961
Mr Anthony Addis LD
Mr Clive Bransom LD
Professor Robert Cameron LD
Mr Gyles Cooper LD
Mr Tobias Eckersley LD
Mr John Griffiths Jones
Professor Peter Griffiths
Mr Ian House LD
Dr John Lingard LD
Mr Richard Pettit
Mr Tim Price LD
Dr Roger Pritchett LD
Mr Peter Rawlings LD
Dr Richard Sawyer LD
Mr Neville Smith-Spark
Mr Brian Swale
Dr Barry Thomas
Dr Richard Trounce
Mr Nigel Underwood LD
Mr Peter Walter LD
Dr Roderick Woods LD
1962
Dr Michael Anson
Mr John Appleby LD
Mr James Berry LD
Mr David Badger LD
Mr Robert Chase LD
Professor Paul Fletcher LD
Revd John Greenwood LD
Mr Richard Harper LD
Mr Grahame Higginson LD
Mr Ian Ingram LD
Mr Michael Lowe LD
Mr Ashok Mahindra
Dr Anthony Pawley
Dr Geoffrey Penzer in the name of
J Ronald Penzer 1928 LD
Mr Richard Harper
Mr Grahame Higginson LD
Mr Ian Ingram LD
Mr Michael Lowe LD
Mr Ashok Mahindra
Dr Anthony Pawley LD
Dr Geoffrey Penzer in the name of
J Ronald Penzer 1928 LD
Mr Michael Ross LD
Dr Peter Small LD
Mr Robert Wilson
Mr Kenneth Worthington LD

1963
Mr Ian Armitage LD
Mr Ralph Cake
Mr Philip Curillie-Jones
Mr Michael Deenning LD
Revd Barry Entwisle LD
Dr Ronen Ghosh LD
Mr William Hadman LD
Mr Roger Hobby LD
Mr George Hodgkinson LD
Professor William Marston-Wilson
Dr Brian Scarfe LD
Mr Tony Sloggett
Mr Damien Turnasiffer LD
Brigadier Christopher Winfield

1964
Dr John Brocklehurst LD
Mr James Cooke
Mr Tony Foster LD
Revd Dr Alan Harding LD
Mr Stephen Lloyd LD
Mr Robert Minors LD
Mr Michael Pye LD
Mr Martyn Robinson LD
Mr David Royle LD
Dr John Schofield LD
Mr Norman Smith LD
Mr Tony Smith LD
Mr Robin Barry St John Taylor
Mr Kelvin Walton
Mr Nick White

1965
Mr Ian Alexander-Sinclair LD
Mr Jeremy Baxter
Mr Dan Bernard LD
Mr Michael Bossfield LD
Dr John Campbell
Dr Gregory Stevens Cox LD
Mr Jonathan Davies LD
The Lord Fraser of Corriegarth LD
Dr Peter Humphrey LD
Dr David Hunt LD
Mr Marek Kwiatkowski LD
Dr Andrew Salmon
Mr R G A M Swyer LD
Dr David Vincent LD
Mr Anthony Whitestone LD
Dr Christopher Wright LD

1966
Sir William Callaghan LD
Mr Philip Drummond LD
Sir Stuart Hampson LD
Mr John Landais
Revd Iain MacDonald LD
Mr Keith Mallinson LD
Mr Andrew McNab LD
Professor Stephen Mitchell
Revd Geoffrey Richardson
Mr Richard Wake
Mr Graham Wood LD

1967
Professor Samuel Adeyomi LD
Dr Michael Atkinson LD
Mr Nicholas Bratt LD
Dr Nigel Buttery LD
Mr Peter Davies LD
Dr David Giachardi LD
Mr Richard Hoare LD
Mr Adrian Lloyd
Mr Andrew Lynn LD
Dr Hugo Madden
The late Peter McDonagh LD
Dr Michael Orr
Dr John Patchell
Mr Alan Walder
Baron Alexander von Ungern-Sternberg

Mr Kevin Alton Honeywell
Mr Christopher Sawyers
Mr Crispian Villeneuve
Mr Andrew Campbell
Dr Alexander Bridges
Dr Andrew Russakoff
Mr Geoffrey Bourne
Mr Geoffrey Forrest
Mr Peter Scott LD
Mr Michael Thomas LD
Baron Alexander von Ungern-Sternberg
Mr Crispian Villeneuve LD
Professor Simon Watts

1968
Mr John Allan
Mr Graham Ashurst LD
Dr Alexander Bridges LD
Mr David Elmer LD
Dr Philip Gamiën
Mr Kevin Alton Honeywell LD
Mr David Howard LD
Mr Adrian Mitchell
Mr Edward Peacock LD
Mr Charles Price LD
Dr Andrew Russakoff LD
Mr Geoffrey Bourne
Mr Geoffrey Forrest
Mr Peter Scott LD
Mr Michael Thomas LD

1969
Mr David Antcliffe
Mr Tyler Baker
Mr Geoffrey Bourne LD
Mr Philip Butcher
Mr Andrew Campbell LD
Mr Richard Darbourne
Mr Peter Evans LD
Mr Geoffrey Forrest LD
Mr Neil Goldman LD
Mr Derek Hart
Mr Martin Haworth LD
Dr Michael Hayes LD
Mr Ronald Hudin
Mr Charles Mitchell LD
Dr Stephen Postie LD
Mr Hugh Roberts LD
Mr Paul Walker
Mr Barry Wild LD

1970
Professor Sir John Cunningham
Mr Timothy Day LD
Dr Robert Dingley LD
Mr Charles Dodd
Mr John Graham LD
Mr Roderick Hills LD
Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrick LD
Dr Robert Fleming
Mr David Proctor
Dr Peter Purton LD
Mr Melvin Schlaichter
Mr John Schutz CBE LD
Dr David Stading LD
Dr Jonathan Wittmann LD

1971
Anonymous LD
Mr Gareth Alinson LD
The Very Revd Peter Atkinson LD
Dr George Dempsey
Mr Timothy Dow LD
Mr Simon Egan LD
Dr Stephen Ferruvolo LD
Dr Robert Galetta LD
Mr Graham Head LD
Mr Ian Hodgson
Mr Richard Horracks
Dr Yungtai Hsu LD
Mr Nigel Inkster LD
Dr John Jolleys LD
Dr Giles Mercer LD
Mr Ed Ripin
Mr Alan Sandall LD
Dr David Sciver LD
Mr Michael Staples LD
Dr Trudy Watt LD
Mr Jeremy White LD

1972
Professor Archibald Burnett
Mr Robert D Garvin LD
Dr Daryl Goodwin and
Mrs Prue Goodwin LD
Mr Nigel Hughes
Revd Nicholas Lowton LD
Dr John Mathias
Dr Mark Owen
Dr James Robertson
Dr Nicholas Robinson LD
Mr Michael Russell LD
Dr Graham Walker LD

1973
Dr Richard Axford LD
Mr Graham Belcher LD
Dr Them Braun
Dr Anthony Burch
Mr Conrad Caspari
Mr John Coull LD
Mr Richard Dill
Mr Nigel Fisher LD
Dr L Scott Frazier
Mr Brian Gambia MBE
Mr John Hauge LD
Mr Peter Johnson LD
Mr Andrew Lane LD
Dr Eric Marshall LD
Dr Peter Moore
Professor Barnaby Reeves LD
Mr Dan Reynell
Mr William Ruff LD
Mr Axel Salander
Professor Gaynne Thomas LD
Mr Mark White LD
Professor Roger Woods LD

1974
Mr Stephen Barber LD
Mr Edward Bolham LD
Mr James Dempsey LD
Dr Jonathan Duke-Evans LD
Revd Jonathan Edwards
Professor Helen Fulton
Dr John Hyde
Professor Lawrence Oppenheimer LD
Mr Michael Phillips
Dr Michael Prior
Mr Robert Shaw LD
Mr Roger Thomas LD
Mr Roger Tifford LD
Mr Nicholas Walden LD

1975
Anonymous LD (2)
Dr Christopher Burton LD
Mr Christopher Chambers
Mr John Coleman
Rt Rev Archpriest Dr Lawrence Cross OAM
Dr David Dunn
Mr Barry Elkingto
Mr Alastair Hunter LD
Mr John Larose
The Rt Hon Lord Justice Lindblom LD
Dr John Richards LD
Dr Kevin Singleton LD
Dr David Thomas LD
Professor William Wagner LD
Mr Michael Waldman LD
Mr Simon Waldman

1976
Anonymous (2)
Mr Peter Brodie LD
Mr Paul Buckley
Dr Paul Fage
Mr Clive Gerrard LD
Mr Richard Groves LD
Sir Nicholas Hamblen LD
Mr Jeremy Harvey LD
Mr James Hendon LD
Dr Andrew Hodgson LD
Mr Paul Lack
The Hon Keith Long LD
Mr Samson Matthews LD
Mr Alan Morrison
Dr Luke Newman
Mr Mark Robson LD
Mr Gavin Sanderson LD
Mr Michael Shallcross LD
Mr Peter Thompson
Mr Nicholas Tongue
Dr Martin Wood

1977
Mr David Adkins
Mr Paul Clarke
Mr Andrew Dell LD
Mr Keith Douglas
Professor Denis Feeney
Mr Steven Fox LD
Mr Simon Galimore
Mr Geoffrey Hine
Mr Ian Hornby
Mr Brent Isaac
Mr Larry Lowenstein LD
Mr Stephen Nokes
Mr James Parsons LD
Dr Christopher Roberts LD
Dr Hugh Series
Mr Fred Squire LD
Sir Mark Warby
Mr Matthew Wilson LD
1978
Mr Jonathan Alexander LD
Mr Martin Buenel LD
Mr Tim Bridges LD
Mr Tim Connelly LD
Mr Mark Everett LD
Mr Ian Hargrave
Dr Michael Hart
Mr Ian Jameson LD
Mr Keith Jewitt LD
Mr David Leonard LD
Mr William Mackesy LD
Mr Paul Maddox LD
Dr Peter McDonald LD
Mr Brian Porritt LD
Mr Anthony Pralle LD
Dr Anthony Ringrose-Vosse LD
Mr Ian Sach LD
Mr Robin Schneider LD
Mr John Sedler
Mr Rupert Steele OBE LD
Mr Ian Topping LD
Mr Ian Watson
Mr Christopher Wilson LD

1979
Anonymous LD
Mr Simon Barratt LD
Mrs Sarah Beazley LD
Mr Philip Best LD
The Revd Nigel Bourne LD
Dr Pritpal Buttar
Mr Michael Caffey LD
Mr Anthony Kendall LD
Dr Helen Lambert
Mrs Karen Morris
Mr Howard Perkins

1980
Mr Johnny Asher and
Mrs Jill Asher (1981) LD
Mr Peter Alkright LD
Professor Sean Brogan LD
Mrs Cheryl Burgess
Mrs Paddy Caffey LD
Ms Ruth Cox
Ms Sarah Deaves LD
Mr Frederick Dove
Mr Graham Flower
Professor Johannes Hahm
Dr Val Henmety LD
Mr Thomas Hill LD
Ms Ruth Huddleston LD
Dr Andrew Hussebee LD
Mrs Carolyn Kendall LD
Dr Emyr Macdonald
Mr Ian Mummy
Dr Frances O’Connor LD
Mr Michael Page
Dr Isabel Pinder LD
Mr Timothy Poilgaude LD
Professor Athan Shaka
Mr Matthew Spencer LD
Mr Nick Williams

1981
Anonymous LD
Mr Christopher Adams
Dr Kathleen Aughterson
Mr Kenneth Bailey LD
Mrs Susan Barrington LD
Mr Lawrence Brown
Dr Piers Clifford
Mrs Joanne Harrison-Gross
Ms Julie Horne
Dr Kate Ince LD
Mr Matthew Lindsay-Clark and
Mrs Frances Lindsay-Clark LD
Ms Catherine Mallyon
Ms Linda Taylor McGeady
Mr Carl Michel LD
Mr Gary Mitchell
Mr Jonathan Nash LD
Mr Richard O’Dair
Revd Dr Ian Paul
Dr André-Louis Rey
Ms Sheila Sawyer LD
Mrs Diana Shaw LD
Mr Shaun Spiers
Mr Robert Sulley LD
Mr Peter Wienand LD
1991
- Mrs Rachel Barclay
- Dr Katherine Cochrane
- Mr Luke Jacobs
- Mr Oliver Jarratt
- The late Miss Marianne Lees
- Miss Kimmy MacBride
- Dr Jude Oken
- Professor Philomen Probert
- Mr Darren Reeve
- Mr Charles Richardson
- Mr Jonathan Ross and Mrs Katie Ross
- Dr Nicola de Savary
- Dr Thorsten Schlueter
- Dr Kirsten Travers

1992
- Anonymous
- Mr Stuart Bachelor
- Mr Peter Banks
- Dr Jonathan Cooper
- Miss Andrea Carnwell
- Mr Jeremy Douglas
- Ms Rosie Hemmings
- Mr Alastair Holland
- Mrs Ruth Mills
- Mr Richard Parry
- Mrs Melanie Peeke
- Mr Jeremy P Smith
- Mr Philip Tippin
- Dr Charlotte Woodford

1993
- Anonymous
- Jonny Allison
- Revd Verena Breed
- Dr Jason Breed
- Miss Alison Collins
- Mrs Alexandra Davies
- Mrs Hannah Gilbert
- Mr Peter Houihan
- Dr Glenn Leighton
- Mrs Chivonne Preston
- Mr Andrew Reynolds
- Mr Adam Sandman
- Dr Emma Slaymaker

1994
- Anonymous
- Mrs Margaret Allen
- Mr Daniel Annetts
- Mr Garry Borland
- Mr Justin Coombs
- Dr D N Crosby
- Mr Edward Haines
- Dr Alrik Koppenhofer
- Mr Gavin Laidlaw
- Ms Jenny Limbault
- Professor Matthew Wright

1995
- Anonymous (2)
- Mr Guy Bradbury
- Mrs Dorothy Emmrich
- Mr Thomas Ewing
- Mrs Claire Ewing
- Miss Sarah Gauden
- Dr Thomas Jestadt
- Mrs Claire Kennedy
- Mrs Emma Krousi
- Dr Quentin Mason
- Mrs Zoe McKinnon
- Dr Hugh Notman
- Dr Eoin O’Sullivan
- Mr Antonia Prescott
- Ms Anita Sharan
- Mr Edward Smith

1996
- Anonymous
- Mrs Helen Ballard
- Dr Jutta Davis
- Dr John Dehn
- Mr Neil Enright
- Dr Jiejin Li
- Mrs Zoe Louie
- Dr Victoria Morgan
- Mr Andrew Miller
- Mrs Caroline Plumb
- Mr Thomas Wu
1997
Anonymous
Mr Andrew Allen LD
Dr Sageet Amlani
Mrs Sarah Brilliant
Dr Steffan Davies LD
Professor Linda Doerrer LD
Dr Jacob Dunningham LD
Mrs Chloe Forsyth
Miss Nadia Motraghi LD
Mrs Zoe Porter LD
Mrs Yee-Lin Richardson
Mr David Sheldon
Mrs Charlotte Tillett LD
Revd Sven Waske

1998
Anonymous
Mrs Karen Ashtiani LD
Mr James Ballance
Dr Ryan Baron
Mr Tim Bridle LD
Ms Tamsin Cox LD
Mrs Zoë Daligault LD
Mrs Olivia Hagger LD
Dr Oliver Holt
Dr Thomas Lockhart
Ms Elizabeth Mann
Dr Jonathan Sheppard
Ms Hilary Spencer
Ms Laura Tavares
Miss Alison Tumbl LD
Mr Jack Waley-Cohen LD

1999
Dr Alison Alexander
Dr Lucy Axtell LD
Mrs Emily Bell and Mr Aaron Bell LD
Mr Richard Diffenthal LD
Mr Simon Jones
Mrs Louise King LD
Mr Andrew Kirtion-Vaughan
Dr Steven Laurie
Dr Gemma Lewis-Williams LD
Mr Thomas Morfett LD
Dr Ewa Pika LD
Mrs Helen Sanders
Mr Tristan Walker-Budston LD
Dr Martin Ward LD

2000
Mrs Lesley-Anne Brewis LD
Mrs Kit Byford
Mr Antony Clegg
Mr James Folan
Dr Vincent Hamlyn LD
Mr Ryan Hayward
Mr Mark Higgins
Miss Sarah Innes LD
Dr Camille Koppen LD
Dr Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis LD
Miss Katherine Richardson LD
Mr Alastair Robinson LD
Dr Katie Taylor

2001
Mrs Emily Black LD
Miss Linsey Cole
Dr Alex Feldman
Mr Stuart Glass
Dr Henry Leventis
Mr Gustaf Lagren
Miss Sarah Myers LD
Mr William Naylor LD
Dr Thomas Parsons LD
Miss Alexandra Prior LD
Mr Sanjaya Ranasinghe LD
Mrs Sarah Robin LD
Mr Stephen Robin LD
Dr Heath Taintert
Dr Joanne Taylor LD
Mr Michael Sew

2002
Anonymous (2)
Mr Simon Banfield
Dr Alastair Bird
Mr Richard Bore LD
Mr Robert Cook
Mr Alexander Cooper
Miss Eleanor d’Arcy LD
Mrs Stacy Davies LD
Miss Natalie Dyce LD
Mrs Grace Harrison LD
Mr Andrew Henderson LD
Dr Katherine Hyde LD
Mr Samuel Joyce
Mr James Laurence
Mr James Littlewood
Miss Zoe Lundy LD
Dr Stephen Martin LD
Dr Catriona McAllister LD
Miss Laura Posts LD
Dr Louise Sherlock
Dr Christopher Turnbull LD
Miss Bethany Walker
Dr Jon Weir LD
Mr Jonathan Wiseman LD
Mr Simon Worthington
Dr Martha Zamaouki LD

2003
Anonymous
Mrs Emma Black
Miss Linsey Cole
Mr Richard Bore LD
Mr Robert Cook
Mr Alexander Cooper
Miss Eleanor d’Arcy LD
Mrs Stacy Davies LD
Miss Natalie Dyce LD
Mrs Grace Harrison LD
Mr Andrew Henderson LD
Dr Katherine Hyde LD
Mr Samuel Joyce
Mr James Laurence
Mr James Littlewood
Miss Zoe Lundy LD
Dr Stephen Martin LD
Dr Catriona McAllister LD
Miss Laura Posts LD
Dr Louise Sherlock
Dr Christopher Turnbull LD
Miss Bethany Walker
Dr Jon Weir LD
Mr Jonathan Wiseman LD
Mr Simon Worthington
Dr Martha Zamaouki LD

2004
Anonymous
Mr Waqas Akhtar
Dr Lennart Brand
Dr Johannes Burger
Ms Faatwima Diljore
Mrs Bethany Farrand LD
Mrs Kate Horsey
Ms Elle Jestico
Mr Harry Kretchnier LD
Ms Kelly McAree
Mrs Martha Mihaly LD
Mr Benjamin Mart
Dr Hannah Pimpton LD
Miss Tannah Vechweg
2005
Mr Arjun Ahluwalia
Mr Stephen Belding
Mr Andrew Caldwell LD
Mr Yuk Cheung
Ms Sarah Davies
Miss Stacey Davies LD
Mr Martin Henstridge
Miss Natalie Hockham
Miss Lucinda Ingram
Mr Rhys Jones
Dr Katherine LaFrance
Mr Yuk Cheung
Ms Sarah Davies
Miss Stacey Davies LD
Mr Martin Henstridge
Miss Natalie Hockham
Miss Lucinda Ingram
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