



St John's College
Oxford

STATEMENT

St John's College keeps all investments and investment policies under regular review.

A Working Group set up by the President is currently examining the ethical implications of College investments, including but not limited to investments in fossil fuel companies. The group includes Fellows and student representatives and is calling on the input of experts in the relevant areas. These are complex and wide-ranging decisions that need to be given due thought, and the College is confident that progress can be made.

The College has already undertaken a number of steps to reduce its carbon footprint. New buildings, such as Kendrew Quad and the recently opened Study Centre have been designed to include green technologies such as biomass boilers, ground-source heat pumps and photovoltaics.

The President today met representatives of the group that has been encamped in Front Quad since Wednesday 29 January to hear their views and to brief them on the College's position. In the meeting, she outlined the steps which have been taken so far by the Working Party on Ethical Investments. The meeting was constructive: the College will arrange for members of the Governing Body to be further informed about the effect of climate change and will invite an additional member of the student body to join its working party on investments.

The College hopes that through positive, collaborative and continued dialogue, the best solutions to the concerns that have been raised can be found.

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Notes to Editors

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St John's College

Established in 1555 as a constituent college of the University of Oxford, St John's College fosters excellence in education and research and is committed to equality and diversity. It is one of the largest among Oxford Colleges and offers tuition in nearly every subject studied at the University. Today, St John's is home to approximately 390 undergraduates, 250 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 College lecturers. A vibrant international community, it fosters intellectual rigour, creativity, and independence in its students, teachers, and researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including discussions, seminars, workshops, public lectures and visiting scholar schemes. While scholarly publication is naturally at the heart of the College's research endeavours, the Fellowship is also committed to informing policy and public debate, and to teaching that is informed by research findings.

Through the College's work on access to all aspects of its day-to-day activities, the College has due regard for its legal commitments under the Equality Act to promote equality, diversity and inclusion.