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### From the President

Professor Maggie Snowling

s 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

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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 fI million. This included 83 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.



### From the Director of Development and Alumni Relations

Amber Bielby

s 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  $f_{\rm I}$  million in scholarships, bursaries and grants, with nearly  $f_{\rm 800,000}$  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.

Amber





### 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:

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Incoming College Resources		
Resources from charitable activities	5,636	5,785
Unrestricted revenue legacies and donations	794	713
Restricted revenue legacies and donations	3,670	39
Trading income and other generation of funds	860	734
Profits on sale of charitable fixed assets	0	567
	10,960	7,838
Funding from the College Endowment		
Investment income and interest	13,863	13,627
Capital gains	1,950	1,300
Capital gains used to fund restricted activity	484	
	16,297	14,927
Total Incoming Resource	27,257	22,765
College Expenditure		
Teaching and research	22,598	21,538
Public worship	69	162
Fundraising	574	388
Trading and sundry expenditure	560	642
Total Expenditure	23,801	22,730
Net College Revenue	3,456	35

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Opening Endowments	442,245	399,606
Investment gains	52,910	48,189
New Endowments	31	170
Endowment costs	(5,842)	(3,970)
Gains used to fund operating activity	(1,950)	(1,300)
Gains on restricted endowments used to fund operating activity	(484)	0
Gains used to fund fixed assets	(1,100)	(450)
Closing Endowments	485,810	442,245



#### Income

Funding from Endowments
Disposal of Fixed Assets
Revenue Donations
Commercial
Residential
Academic

#### Expenditure

College Works
Domestic
Administration
Interest payable
Alumni & Development
Academic
Chapel

2015 Expenditure

The full Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available in spring 2017 at: www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/finance-and-funding

### 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

hile 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  $f_5$  – 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 fI 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 alumni have given to the College, and between them they have contributed £463,619 to the Alumni Fund

Over the course of the year a total of 1,026 alumni have given to the College, and between them they have contributed  $f_{463,619}$ 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  $f_{300,000}$ , 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.

Student Callers for the April 2016 Telephone Campaign





#300,000 a record-breaking year

November 2015 North America Telephone Campaign saw 59% of alumni choosing to give

### The Rawlinson Society

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



Richard Rawlinson (3 February 1690 – 6 April 1755) Image credit: National Portrait Gallery, London

 a gift that continues to flourish under St John's careful stewardship. Alumni and friends pledging a legacy to St John's automatically become members of the new Rawlinson Society, named in honour of Richard Rawlinson. Launched in 2016, the Society already has over 100 members - individuals who have confirmed that they have pledged a legacy to the College. We are most grateful for their thoughtful gesture and for supporting St John's in this way. In the upcoming year, members will be invited to exclusive events in recognition of their generosity.



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.

ver 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 1755, that made the greatest impact. He left estates across Essex, Lancashire, Norfolk and Warwickshire, land that today forms the heart of our endowment



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.

ounded 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.

### Bainton Road Nursery: **Supporting Parents** Studying and Working in College



John Case (1540/41?-1600)

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

of the Fellows 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.

St John's has tended to be tough on children and tough on the causes of children

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

Naturally, this will only be possible if people can afford to use the Nursey 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



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.



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

aving 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

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

connection to St John's and its community, and know how I am lucky to be a part of it

I already feel a strong



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

### **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 2013 set up a scholarship open to graduate students. Here we meet Ivan Candido Ferreira, the current scholar.

#### Ivan Candido Ferreira (DPhil Medical Sciences, 2016)



y 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 regenerative potential in stem cell-based therapies. I will investigate the architecture of neural crest-specific DNA switches, known as transcriptional enhancers, in the hopes of better understanding how they control neural crest fate decisions through the use of functional genomic tools and genome engineering technologies.

The opportunity to advance my studies, and have an excellent start of what I hope will be a successful and exciting academic and research career would otherwise not be possible without the generous support of the St John's Angus McLeod Scholarship.

#### 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.

> I am very grateful for the support of alumni, without which I could not have taken up the opportunity to study at Oxford

#### Zack Grant (DPhil Politics, 2016)



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. I have really enjoyed my first few months in the St John's graduate community and I very much look forward to the remainder of my studies!

#### 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 scholar 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)



rom 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 Texts', 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.

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#### 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 2003, 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.

get to interact with and learn from some
of the top researchers in the world on
crosscutting critical issues of our time

#### (MSc Environmental Change and Management, 2016)



norn and raised in the most Dancient 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.

s 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

#### I greatly appreciated getting to meet alumni

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.











The Capitol, Washington, DC

#### 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.

n 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.

Travelling to India has fundamentally changed the way in which I perceive the world

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-



Taj Mahal, Agra







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)



**C**ince 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



View of Herculaneum

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 the Domus Aurea, Nero's Golden Palace, just happened to be open when we visited. The site is so sensitive that it is usually closed (before we visited it had been shut for ten years), 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 Trocchia, where we took part in an archaeological dig on Mount Vesuvius for two

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Street in Herculaneum

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 we couldn't confirm whether it was part of a villa without demolishing the flats (which might not have gone down well with the residents!). I learnt really valuable skills as an archaeologist, and had lots of fun. On days off we visited the Museo Nazionale Archaeologico, which houses some of the most significant pieces of ancient art, like



Inscription at Herculaneum

the Tyrannicides statue from Athens, and countless images and objects from both Rome and the Naples area. This was of enormous help to my studies. I was also able to travel to Pompeii, Herculaneum, 'Poppaea's' Villa in Oplontis, and the Villa Regina in Boscoreale. These are some of the most famed sites in the Roman world, yet there is still a great sense of the human scale of these places, and how they would have been experienced. I was really excited by even the smallest things, such as the ruts in the road in Pompeii, made by carts thousands of years ago. I later studied these villas, so being able to see the buildings in real life was an amazing experience. I have studied objects, wall paintings, and mosaics from Pompeii, so the trip truly brought my studies to life.

I was also lucky enough to fund a trip to the Louvre through a Special Grant. I saw part of the Boscoreale Hoard, which is one of the most significant silver hoards surviving from the Roman world. Having written numerous essays on sarcophagi and portraiture, getting to see the Venus de Milo, Nike of Samothrace and countless portraits and sarcophagi was invaluable.

These trips have, without doubt, benefitted my studies and I could not have experienced them without the Special Grant. They have added a richness to my understanding which cannot be gleaned solely from books. I also had an extraordinary amount of fun and have many treasured memories. I would like to thank the generous alumni who donated and allowed me to expand my classical horizons in ways that I would not otherwise have been able to.

#### Jessica Prince (Medicine, 2014)





am a third-year medical student currently studying Molecular Medicine. Coming from a working class background, I have benefitted tremendously from the generous scholarships available at St John's. Last year I was awarded a John Heath Music Scholarship, which enabled me to undertake saxophone

lessons, both in Oxford, and at the Royal College of Music. This was an exciting opportunity and has had an incredible impact on my saxophone skills. I am now a member of the Donut Kings, a university auditioning jazz band, which has been running since 2001. The scholarship has also raised the exciting possibility of me spending a year at music college following my medical degree.

> These funds really have given me some incredible opportunities

I have also benefited enormously from the Special Grant, which is available to all undergraduate students to put towards the expense of travel of an academic nature. This has enabled me to undertake two internships, both of which focused on looking at the cell cycle, as I find this and its link with cancer development particularly interesting. In my first year I was able undertake an internship at the Gurdon Institute at Cambridge University, which specialises in cellular and molecular medicine. There I researched the Spindle Assembly Checkpoint in mitosis, looking at the role of a protein, RNF8. These checkpoints, when defective, have been linked to cancer. I am hoping to be able to work abroad after my studies, so I was excited to be able to intern at Konstanz University in Germany, in the summer of 2016, where I studied the Go phase of the cell cycle, and in particular ciliogenesis that, when disrupted, has been linked to a number of diseases such as Situs inversus, wherein, as the name suggests, all organs develop on the opposite side to normal. These were both very insightful experiences, which I could not have afforded without the support available at St John's. I would like to thank anyone who has donated; these funds really have given me some incredible opportunities, which I'm sure have played a role in shaping my future.

### There is a history here of great architecture that stretches back hundreds of years

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# 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.

or 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 keeps growing and we can now only offer half of the working collection on open shelves



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, waspishly 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 59 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 only 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 selfsacrifice, 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

#### It is an exciting chance for us to add to the landscape of the College

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:

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.'

'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.'

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.

t 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.

#### A Busy Year

During the 2015/16 academic year, our wide range of activities included:

> 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



St John's College Student Ambassadors

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

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



Study Week and **Physics Teachers Conference** had over 50 teachers from 49 SChOOIS in attendance

The Teachers'

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.

us here at St John's.

Attendees of the 2016 Teacher Study Week

#### 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 underrepresented 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

### 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)

y 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 broke bread with some of the finest minds in the world

Having graduated in 2016, I'm now working with my twin sister (2013, Keble College, Oxford) as the co-founder of a creative company, Nerd Pirates (www.thenerdpirates.com). Together, we work as freelance writers, social media managers, marketeers, scriptwriters, and filmmakers. Most recently, we started work with Virtual Reality marketing specialists, Virtual Umbrella (VRUK Festival, Gadgette, Merge VR), helping to promote products, events and services associated with VR technology. Moreover, having won 'Video of the Week' from the British Council for our short film, 'A Handy Guide to Shakespeare', we have also been chosen by Channel 4's Calling the Shots initiative to create two short, experimental films for potential broadcast on Channel 4's



Random Acts programme. Directly drawing from my dissertation research into the comic techniques of the silent-movie genre, my film, 'Really Modern

Times', provides a fresh, funny, feminist re-working of Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times'.

The College's financial assistance made such a profound difference to my life. As a student from a low-income background who had never before had money for cultural enrichment, books, exhibitions, theatre trips, and, yes, even the occasional coffee from a real life coffee shop, I feel it is my absolute duty to express my gratitude to everyone who made that possible. Thank you.



#### Andrea Luppi (Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics, 2013)

hile at St John's I was able to make use of a great number of opportunities, both academic and nonacademic. 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.

> I always had something new and stimulating to work on

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) while our participants performed a task on a computer. This task involved telling whether or not a person was aware of a specific object. We were able to show that the TPJ is involved 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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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.





### 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

n 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.

Many thanks to Tamsyn Barton (1981), Anita Cooper (1981), Laura Gillespie (2006), Robin Gorna (1984), Sarah-Jane King (1997) and Helen Norris (1988) for supporting the St John's Women's Network and taking part in the weekend activities.

#### Inspiring the Next Generation at the Holdsworth Society Dinner

C ir Keith Lindblom (1975) delivered an inspiring speech **J**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.



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

#### Hosting St John's in America

s part of the University of Oxford's North America A 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.

### 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.



## Roll of Benefactors

This section contains the names of major and core benefactors, and all donors who have given between I August 2015 and 31 July 2016. Please accept our apologies for any errors.

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- \* Gift or additional gift made in the past year (gifts are cumulative)
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1987

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Anonymous Miss Jennifer Appleton LD Miss Rebecca Bowden Ms Megan Braun Miss Ophelia Cai Miss Katherine Fieldgate Miss Emily Hinson Mr Marius Kat Mr Hamaad Mustafa LD Mr Tom Ough Mr Jacob Swain Miss Romilly Tahany

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