


750
YEARS

SUSTAINING
EXCELLENCE



MERTON
COLLEGE
OXFORD



"I am very grateful for the support that I have received from the Merton-Oxford Bursary. It is helping me to carry out one of my clinical placements in Sri Lanka, where I will specialise in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This is an invaluable opportunity to see how medicine is practised in another part of the world. "

RUTH MITCHELL (2010, CLINICAL MEDICINE)
BURSARY RECIPIENT



2,891 PEOPLE HAVE COME
TOGETHER TO MAKE SOMETHING
REMARKABLE HAPPEN – THEY
HAVE, OVER THE LAST SEVEN
YEARS, RAISED £30,419,635
FOR MERTON'S *SUSTAINING
EXCELLENCE* CAMPAIGN.

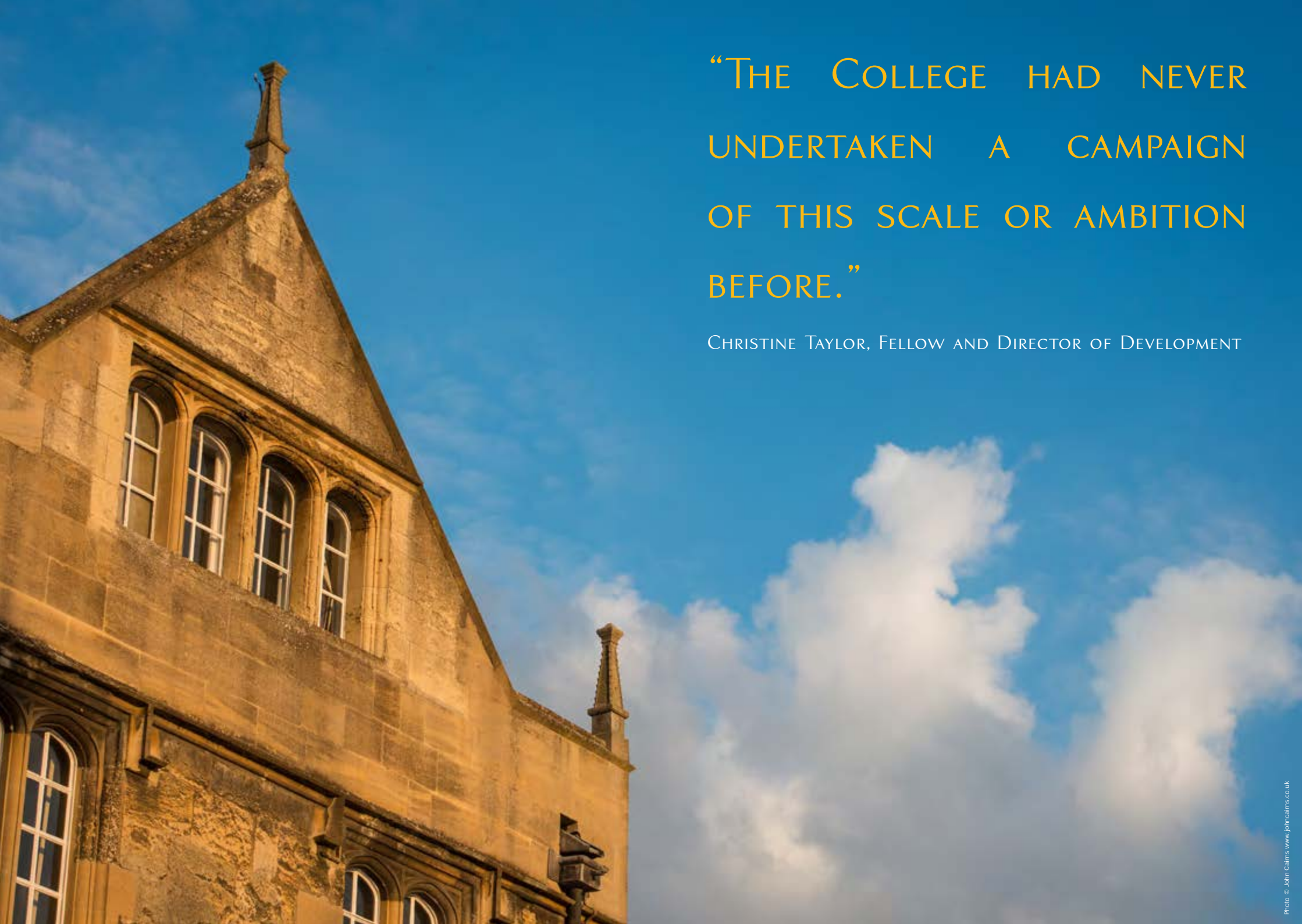
IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE SEED OF AN IDEA...



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"Over the centuries, Merton has made major contributions to all aspects of university life and education. The college provided the model for colleges in both Oxford and Cambridge and has thereby been an inspiration world wide. In launching a campaign my hope was to ensure that Merton's ambitions for excellence would be supported far into the future.

PROFESSOR DAME
JESSICA RAWSON
(WARDEN, 1994 - 2010)



“THE COLLEGE HAD NEVER
UNDERTAKEN A CAMPAIGN
OF THIS SCALE OR AMBITION
BEFORE.”

CHRISTINE TAYLOR, FELLOW AND DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

“DESPITE ANY FEARS WE MAY
HAVE HAD, YEAR BY YEAR,
MORE AND MORE MERTONIANS,
FELLOWS, STAFF AND FRIENDS
RALLIED TO SUPPORT THEIR
COLLEGE.”

PETER O’CONNOR, ANNUAL FUND OFFICER

THE JOURNEY TO £30 MILLION

- Accumulated funds raised over the last 7 years
- Accumulated number of gifts over the last 7 years



FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE
GLOBE, MERTONIANS CAME
TOGETHER TO HELP SUSTAIN
MERTON'S EXCELLENCE FOR
THE NEXT GENERATION OF
STUDENTS...

44% OF ALL MERTONIANS GAVE



IN THE UK...

a total of £20,777,453 was donated



IN THE REST OF EUROPE...

a total of £158,384 was donated



IN THE AMERICAS...

a total of £7,415,404 was donated



IN ASIA...

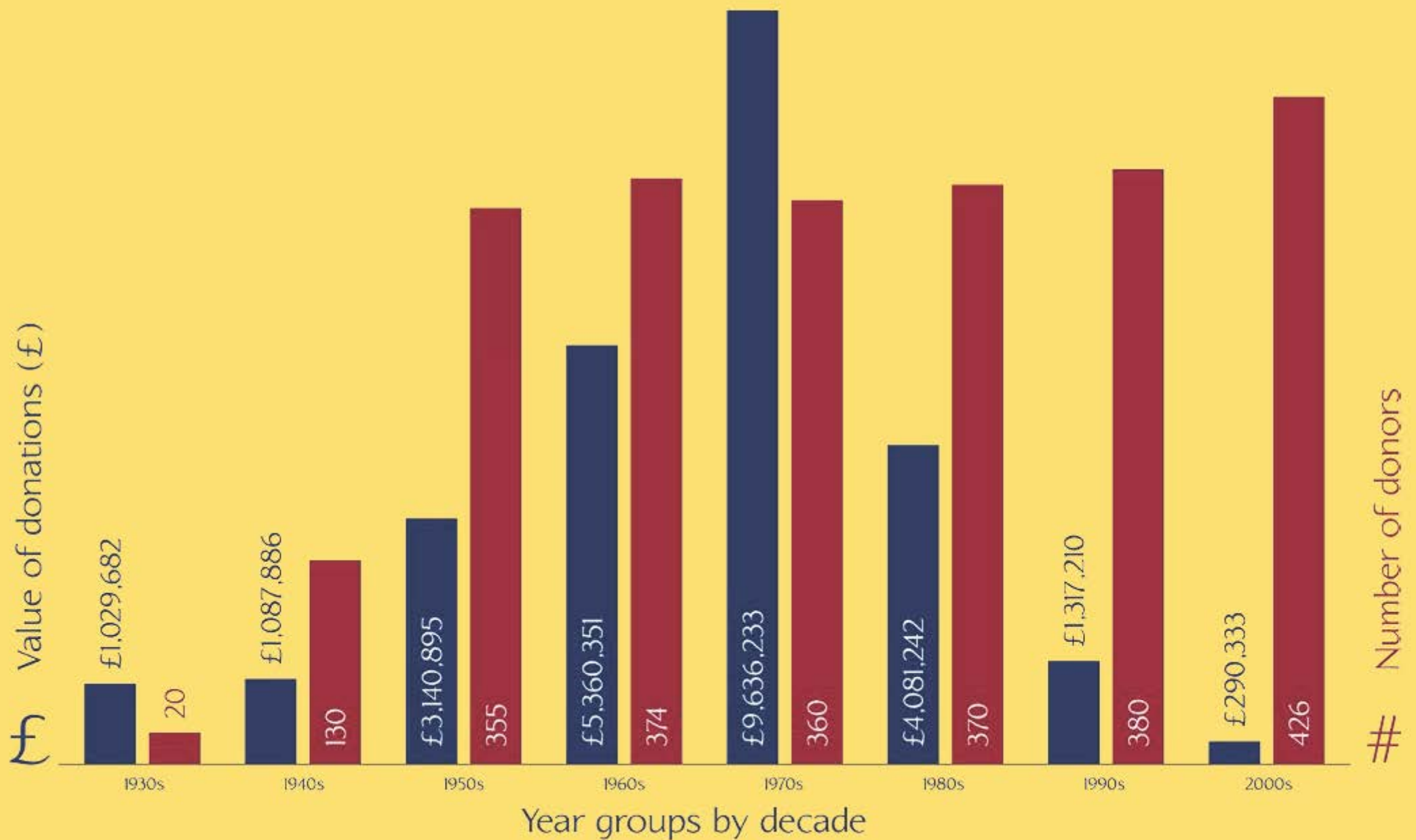
a total of £1,920,011 was donated



IN THE REST OF THE WORLD...

a total of £148,382 was donated

...YOUNG AND OLD GAVE THEIR SUPPORT...

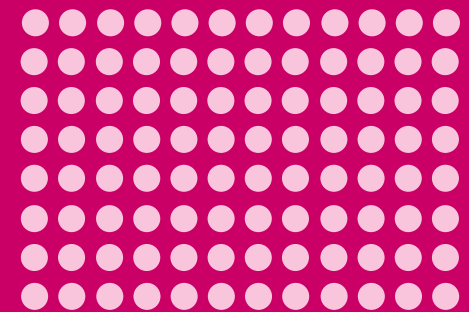


...GIFTS OF ALL SIZES COMBINED
TO MAKE THIS AMAZING TOTAL...

69% OF OUR
£30,419,635 TOTAL
CAME FROM MAJOR
GIFTS OF OVER £25K



21% CAME FROM
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS OF
£25K OR LESS



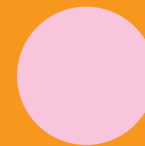
10% CAME FROM
LEGACY GIFTS



GIFTS OF OVER £1 MILLION AMOUNT TO AN
INCREDIBLE COMBINED **£12.64 MILLION...**

...DONATIONS FROM £100,000 TO £999,999
HAVE CONTRIBUTED A FURTHER **£11 MILLION** TO
THE CAMPAIGN TOTAL...

...DONATIONS BETWEEN £25,000 AND £99,999
EQUAL A FANTASTIC **£2.67 MILLION...**



HONORARY FELLOWS, BODLEY FELLOWS & WYLIOT FELLOWS

(who have donated £1,000,000+ to the Campaign)

Mr J Blackwell (HF)
Mr J D S Booth (WF) (1976)
Dr P J Braam (WF and ExJ) (1987)
Dr D R Harvey (BF) (1957)

Mr C G R Manby (WF) (1976)
Sir Howard Stringer (HF) (1961)
*and one anonymous Wyliot
Fellow*



WARDEN'S COURT OF BENEFACTORS

(donated £500,000+ to the Campaign)

Dr J P Moussouris (1971)

The Reed Foundation represented
by Mr R Rubin (1957)



ELA OF WARWICK BENEFACTORS

(donated £100,000+ to the Campaign)

The A G Leventis Foundation
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(1968)

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*and four anonymous Ela of
Warwick Benefactors*



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(donated £50,000+ to the Campaign)

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Dr J Hatzius (1992)
Professor Sir Antony Hoare (HF)
(1952)
Ms L Lee (1993)

Mr M G McCaffery (1975)
Mr J A D Mills (1958)
Dr P F Palmer MBE (1968)
Professor A T Reyes
Mr E I Selig (1956)
Mr M J Tobin (1991)
Mr T Wannamethee (1981)
*and three anonymous Clare
Benefactors*

(HF) Honorary Fellow | (BF) Bodley Fellow | (WF) Wyliot Fellow
(F) Fellow | (EF) Emeritus Fellow | (ExJ) Former Junior Research
Fellow | (ExV) Former Visiting Research Fellow
[name] previous name | * deceased

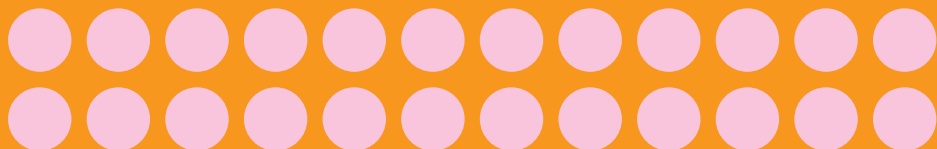


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(donated £25,000+ to the Campaign)

Mr M S M M Abbas (1990)
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Argentarius Foundation
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Dr I R B Desai (2005)
Professor P P Feeny (ExV)
(1957)
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(1989)

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Mr A M Vickers (BF) (1958)
Professor P B Woodruff (1965)
*and seven anonymous
Rochester Benefactors*



...MORE THAN 80 PATRONS RAISED £1.39 MILLION...

Mr D J Algar (1943)*
Dr J H Augustine (1984)
Mr A W Baker QC (1983)
Mrs P J Baker [Ghaut] (1983)
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OBE (1953)
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Mr G G Stevens (1968)
Professor Y L Tan (1978)
Mr A Taylor (1968)
Mr S P Thomas (1979)
Mr P M A Wilson CMG
(1987)
Mr S Wisnia
Mr S H Wright (1949) *
Mr C A Wynn-Evans (1989)
*and ten anonymous
Patrons*



...28 GENEROUS MERTONIANS AND FRIENDS MADE
THEIR MARK BY LEAVING MERTON A LEGACY IN THEIR
WILL, WHICH LIVES ON LONG AFTER THEM....

Mr D J Algar
(1943)
1925 - 2009

Mr J L Barton
(EF) (1956)
1929 - 2008

Mr J K Batty
(1920)
1901 - 1981

Mr J S Beard
(1938)
1919-2007

Mr W G
Bebbington
(1934)
1915 - 2007

Mr C L Bibby
(1935)
1917 - 2007

Mr D Blaber OBE
(1953)
1934 - 2012

Dr T F Brenchley
(HF) (1936)
1918 - 2011

Professor R E
Habenicht
(1955)
1925 - 2007

Dr E D A Hay
(1950)
1931 - 2007

Mr J M Heath
(1940)
1922 - 2009

Mrs C D Hussey

Mr C A C Jenkins
(1977)
1958 - 2011

Mr N S Malcolm
(1957)
1936 - 2001

Mr R M P Malpas
(1951)
1932 - 2007

Professor G H
Martin CBE FSA
(ExV) (1947)
1928 - 2007

Professor M H
Martin
(1933)
1910 - 2007

Mr D N Miller
(1959)
1940 - 2011

The Revd
Michael Ottaway
(1936)
1917 - 2010

Dr D S Parsons
(EF) (1936)
1917 - 2008

Mr H K Smith
(1937)
1914 - 2002

His Hon Robert
Smyth
(1946)
1926 - 2009

Mr P H Sparks
(1933)
1914 - 2003

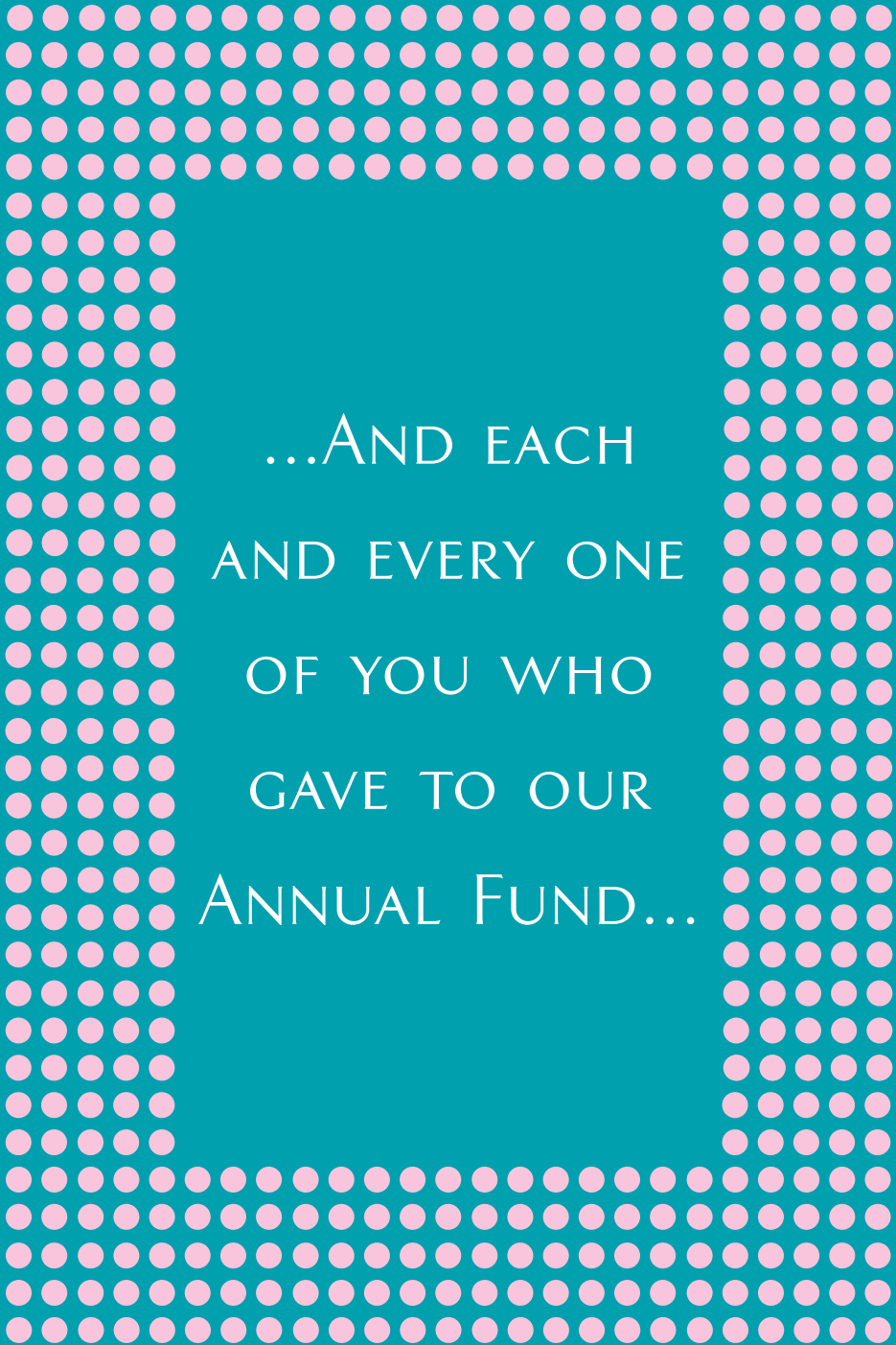
Mr C F Stevens
(1945)
1927 - 2011

Dr M K Williams
(1949)
1929 - 2007

Mr S H Wright
(1949)
1930 - 2008

Mr I Young
(1941)
1922 - 2012

*and one
anonymous
legator*



...AND EACH
AND EVERY ONE
OF YOU WHO
GAVE TO OUR
ANNUAL FUND...



...YOU
HELPED RAISE
A COMBINED
£6.37
MILLION



THANK
YOU



Professor Richard McCabe

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*Thank you for strengthening the tutorial system with
your £13.11 million worth of donations. This money has re-*

endowed **EIGHT TUTORIAL
FELLOWS' POSTS** *in Chemistry,*

Classics, Economics, English, Music, Philosophy, and includes the

Mark Reynolds Fellowship in History and the Jessica Rawson

Fellowship in Modern Asian History.

"The tutorial system is the distinguishing feature of an Oxford education; designed to inspire as much as inform, it fosters independence of thought and critical intelligence. It is what most alumni value.

PROFESSOR RICHARD
McCABE
FELLOW AND TUTOR IN
ENGLISH



Dr Matthew Grimley (1989)

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This is equivalent to an average of **1,392**
HOURS *of tutorials each year. Which means,*
for generation after generation of Mertonians, an endless
supply of challenging questions and who knows how many
EUREKA MOMENTS

"Teaching tutorials is endlessly exciting, and unpredictable in the best sense of the word. Because every tutorial is a dialogue, each one is different - it's impossible to predict where it will end up. It's not just a case of tutors challenging students - they in turn challenge our own ideas and

make us rethink or refine them. It's a mutually beneficial process that keeps us all on our toes, intellectually speaking!

DR MATTHEW GRIMLEY
(1989)
MARK REYNOLDS FELLOW
AND TUTOR IN HISTORY



Community members in Lester Road, Freetown, in Sierra Leone attend a briefing by a social mobilisation team to curb the Ebola virus disease outbreak in the country

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Thank you for funding **RESEARCH** at
Merton including the Leventis Research Fellow in Ancient Greek
and a Junior Research Fellow in **GLOBAL**
WELLBEING - a post that addresses the
most pressing global welfare problems facing the human race.

"Thanks to Dr Peter J Braam's generous donations to the College's *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign I am currently contributing to research-driven policy which seeks to address the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone. This pandemic is not simply a medical emergency, but developed partly as a result of misguided development priorities following the end of the recent civil war

in 2002. My research aims to tackle the challenge of providing the thorough analysis of the background and response needed to avoid such pitfalls in the future, asking not simply how the epidemic developed, but why?"

DR JULIA AMOS
PETER J BRAAM JRF IN
GLOBAL WELLBEING



Adil Hossain (2014)

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Thank you for helping us support students who attend Merton.

They are part of a generation who pay a high price for their

EDUCATION. *Home/EU undergraduates*

will accrue a bill of £27,000 by the end of a three-year BA

(Hons), not forgetting the extra living costs that the University

estimates at £8,556 to £12,641 a year. For graduates, courses

can range from £4,100 to £44,775 a year plus living costs.

"I would like to express my deepest thanks to the anonymous donor who funded the Merton-Oxford International Development Scholarship, of which I am a recipient. Your donations are enabling my research, in which I investigate the links

between transitional justice and development within a democracy by studying the development in the post-2002 riots of Gujarat.

ADIL HOSSAIN (2014,
DPHIL INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT)



Thank you for raising more than £2.38 million so far towards endowing the first tranche of Merton-Oxford bursaries. Each and every penny donated has leveraged Moritz-Heyman funding for the eponymous scholarship scheme. Both the Merton-Oxford Bursaries and the Moritz-Heyman Scholarships have

ENABLED *and* ENRICHED

"The Merton-Oxford Bursary has helped me to enjoy all of the experiences Oxford brings without being held back by finances. Despite my initial fears that Oxford would be unaffordable, the bursary allowed me to make the most of my time at University; for this, I am extremely grateful.

ALEXANDER WEATE
(2012, BA ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT)



the learning experience of 69 Merton undergraduates in the last year alone, giving students the freedom to learn and excel. For those Home/EU undergraduates coming from households with a combined income of less than £16,000/year, this can mean a bursary of £3,000 and tuition fee reductions of a further £3,000 and will make a real difference to their lives at Merton.

"Thank you so much to those who have made such generous donations to the College. Because I received a bursary, I have been able to buy a laptop and, together with the book grant, this has meant that I can access the information that I need for my studies. This freedom has given me more time to study as well as enjoy university life.

ANONYMOUS BURSARY RECIPIENT

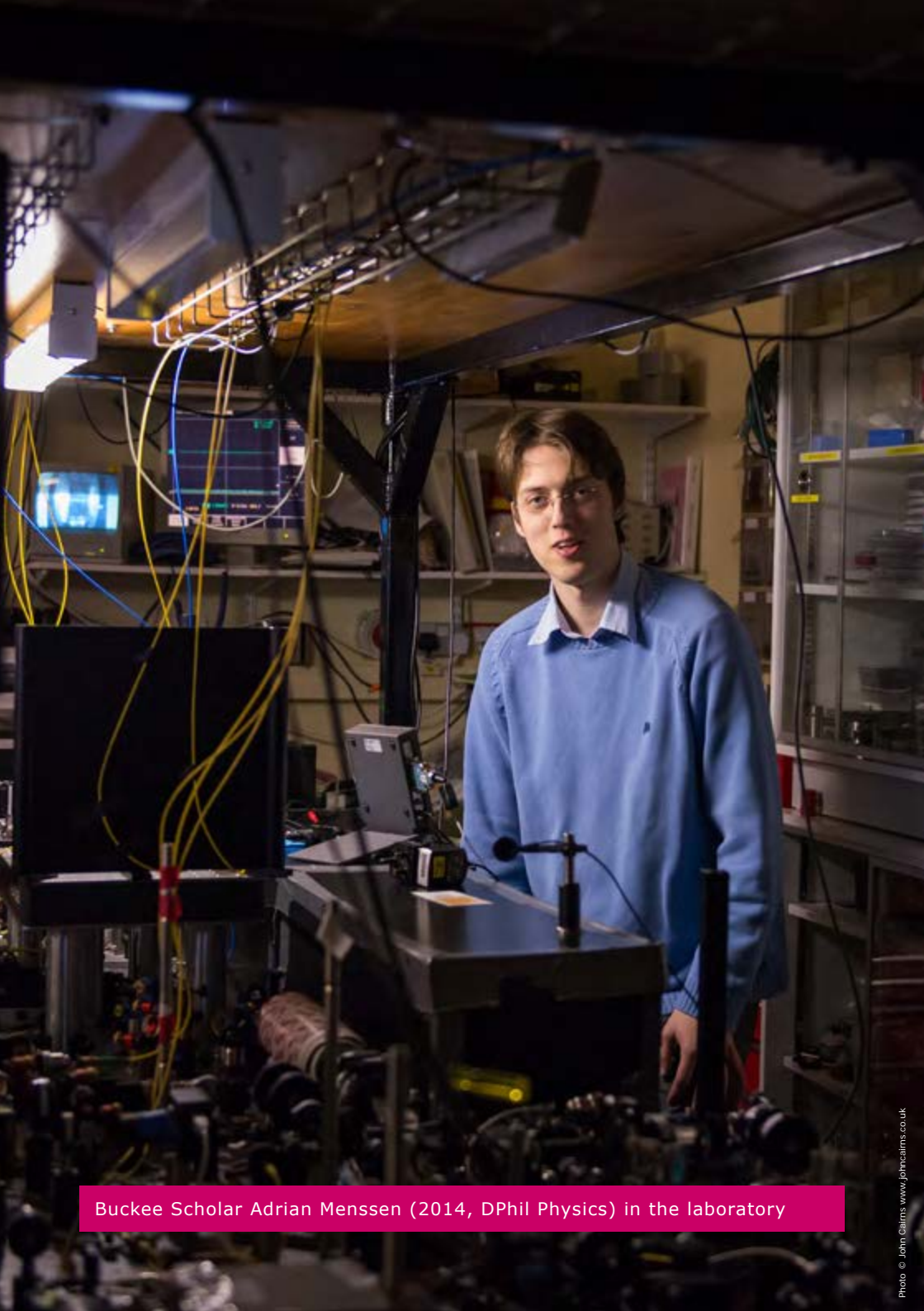


As my funding ran out during the writing of my DPhil, the Hardship Fund kindly given by Merton ensured that I could finish without the panic of wondering where I would get money to pay my rent.

STEPHANIE JONES
(2009, DPHIL CLINICAL MEDICINE)

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Thank you for giving to the Student Support Fund, which has provided **44** hardship loans and **40** hardship grants, since the Sustaining Excellence Campaign began in 2007, along with **98** undergraduate travel grants to fund mind-expanding educational trips, **549** graduate research grants to help Merton graduates push their research further and take it to new audiences, **61** Master Grants to fund worthy causes, such as charitable work during the vacation, and **80** Simms Bursaries awarded to assist graduates in the completion of their theses. Thanks to your help this support will continue for many more years to come...



Buckee Scholar Adrian Menssen (2014, DPhil Physics) in the laboratory

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Thank you for investing £3.86 million in graduate research at Merton, via **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS.** From Laser Physics to Law, finding ancient artefacts in Archaeology or finding solutions to humanitarian problems in International Development; the Sustaining Excellence Campaign has created 13 graduate scholarships. Your support enables talented postgraduates to carry out important research within our **WORLD – CLASS** institution, which was rated number one in the UK for the quality of its research by the Research Excellence Framework in 2014.



Thank you for building Merton's state-of-the-art TS Eliot

Theatre - **A PLATFORM FOR
KNOWLEDGE** *with a growing*

reputation for excellence, in Oxford and beyond. Hosting

hundreds of lectures, seminars and symposia each year, its

educational and financial returns create an invaluable legacy.

"The TS Eliot Theatre is the perfect setting for Merton's Occam Lectures, which have grown in popularity over the last few years. Thanks to the TS Eliot Theatre, each term we can assemble the entire Merton physics community - undergraduates, graduates, lecturers, fellows and, increasingly, some visiting alumni - ready to be taught, entertained

and challenged by our visiting speakers.

Read more about the Occam Lectures at: merton.physics.ox.ac.uk/occam_lecture.html

**PROFESSOR ALEXANDER
SCHEKOCHIHIN
FELLOW AND TUTOR IN
PHYSICS**



Thank you for renewing the lighting in the magnificent

Upper Library and Chapel, helping us maintain our

HISTORIC *buildings with due care and*

attention. Thank you for supporting the health and sporting

success of College members by creating a fitness gym at Rose

Lane. Thank you for providing essential upgrades to College

facilities, including IT provisions and the Chapel Organ, and for

renovating the Porters' Lodge – Merton's door to the world.

"The Upper Library – an historic jewel in Merton's crown - now truly shines thanks to the new lighting. Its atmospheric beauty will be enjoyed by visitors for years to come.

DR JULIA WALWORTH
FELLOW LIBRARIAN

A photograph of Sir Martin Taylor, the Warden of Merton College, standing in a large stone archway. He is wearing a dark pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a red and blue striped tie. He is looking slightly to his right with a thoughtful expression. The background is the warm, textured stone of the archway.

THANK YOU

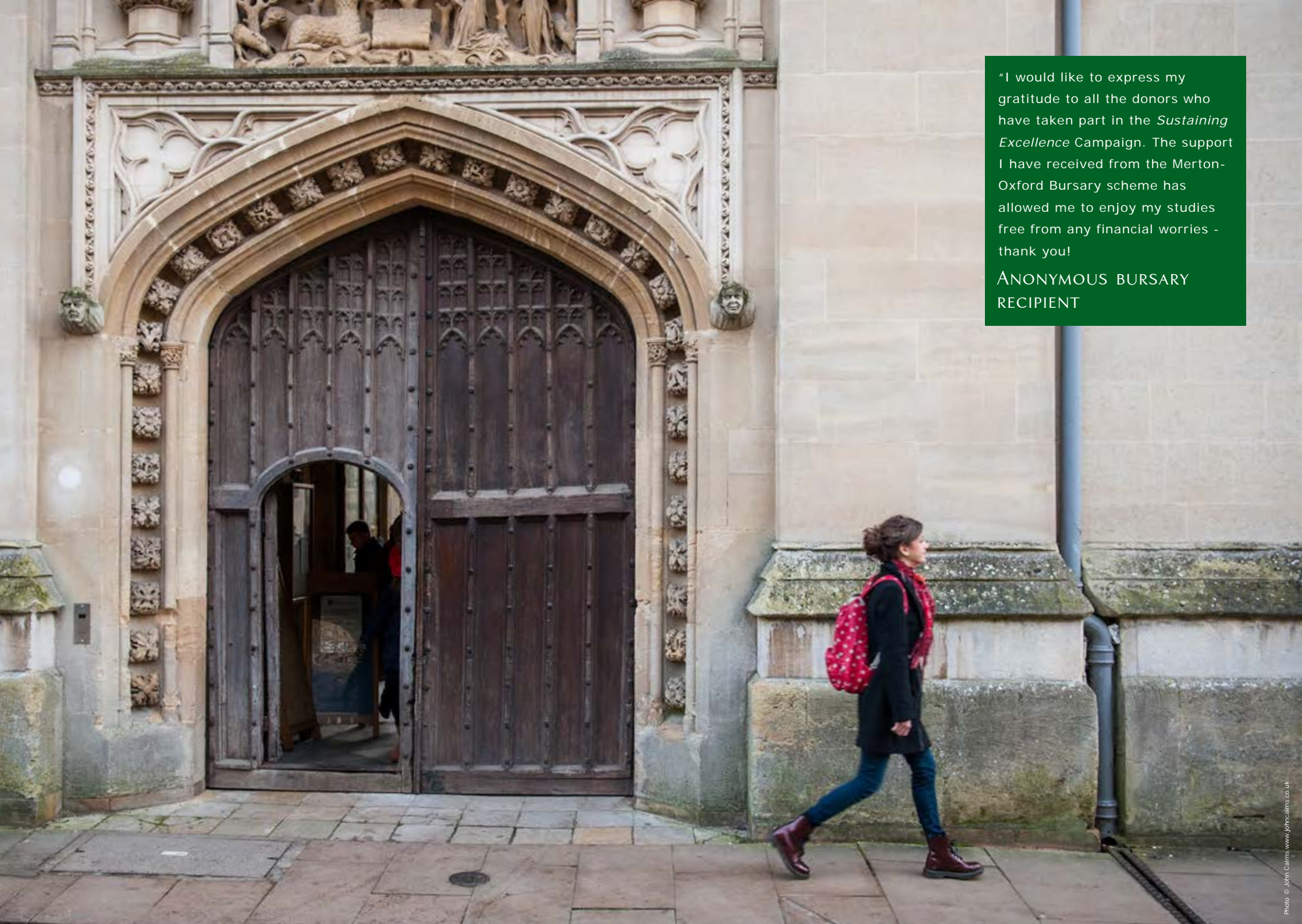
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT
OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS – HELPING UPHOLD
MERTON'S AMBITION TO 'SUSTAIN EXCELLENCE'.

The *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign has bolstered the College's financial foundations, securing Fellowship posts, endowing undergraduate support, increasing the number of graduate scholarships we offer and bringing Merton's buildings well and truly into the 21st century. Thanks to your support we have made a massive step towards maintaining the excellence for which Merton is well known. The Governing Body and I are committed to continuing this hard work, ensuring that we give each undergraduate and graduate the best opportunity to excel at Merton.

However, whilst the hard work must continue, now is a time for celebration! Thank you to everyone – 44% of all Mertonians, along with Fellows, staff and Friends of the College – who helped us achieve this remarkable £30,419,635 total.

As a small token of our gratitude we are sending you a commemorative design of the Merton coat of arms. Look closely and you will find the names of all 2,891 individuals who donated to the 750th Anniversary Campaign and who are making all of Merton College's excellent work possible – educating the next generation of great minds and facilitating ground-breaking research. Thank you.

SIR MARTIN TAYLOR FRS
WARDEN



"I would like to express my gratitude to all the donors who have taken part in the *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign. The support I have received from the Merton-Oxford Bursary scheme has allowed me to enjoy my studies free from any financial worries - thank you!

ANONYMOUS BURSARY
RECIPIENT

750 YEARS OF MERTON MEMORIES

Memories of making Merton your home away from home, of 'living in' and 'living out' with Oxford landladies, of hiding your female guests in the cupboard from your College scout; memories of Fellows, of tutorials and of standing up for your ideas; memories of doing sports 'just to keep warm' and of rowing at dawn, memories of Summer Eights, Dave Hedge's 'legendary' Pimms and lemonade, and of punting down the river; memories of the cheese and wine nights, the great Bananas and Custard controversy of the Food Suggestions Book, of sconcing in Hall; memories of flower power and the sixties, of student demos, from opposition to the Vietnam War to the Iraq invasion; memories of dressing up for Merton Floats' many theatrical offerings, of the Halsbury Book (before it was removed on the grounds of indecency) and the pigeon-hole post before the invention of email; memories of "maintaining the integrity of the space-time continuum" (aka the Time Ceremony); memories of the time that The Who played at the Ball in 1969 and the time that Right Said Fred didn't; memories of Finals and of 'being trashed' on Merton Street, of packing up your room and getting ready for the next adventure...

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AN ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION

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