

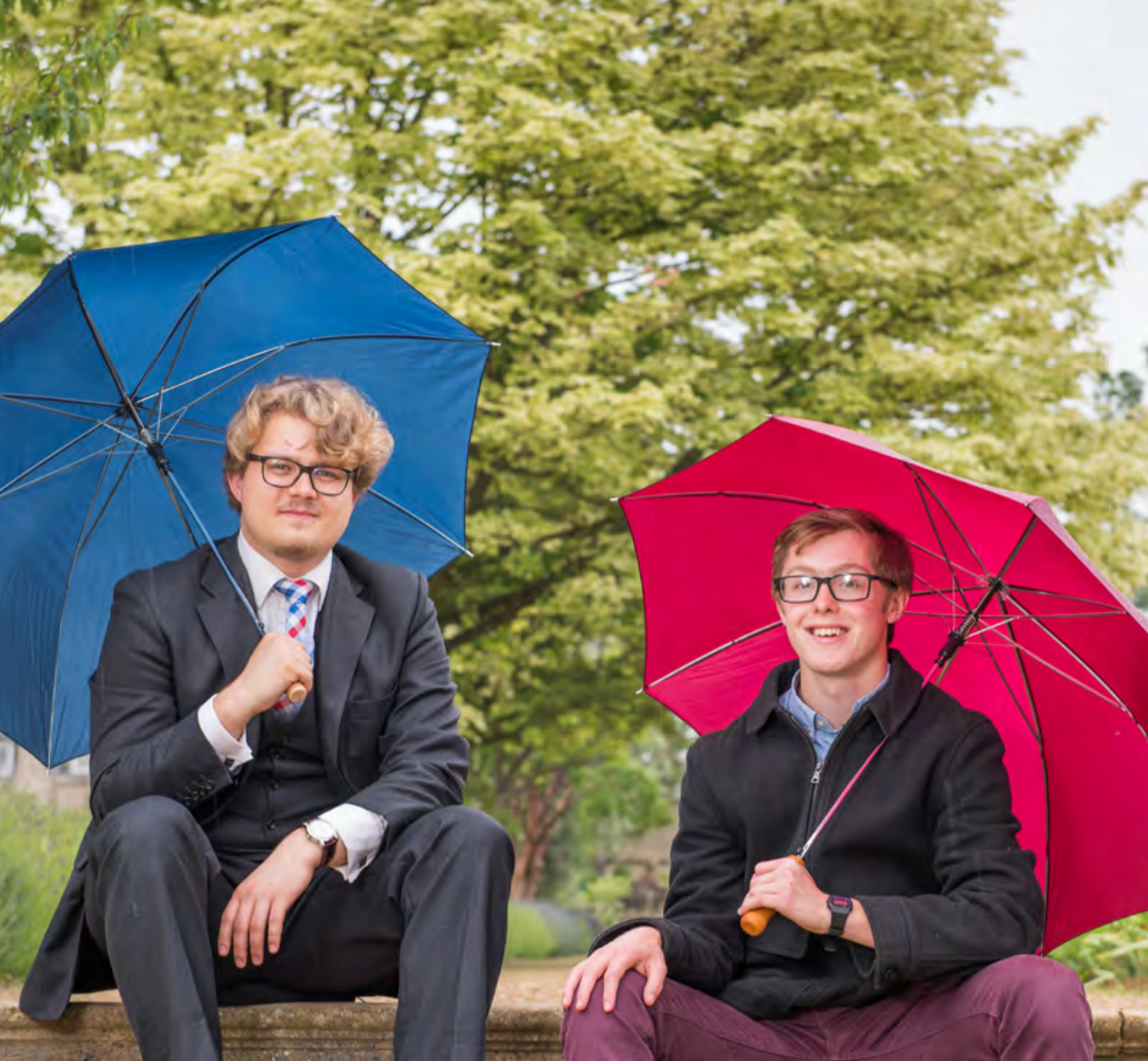


DONOR REPORT

2014-15



MERTON
COLLEGE
OXFORD



“Thank you for the enormously generous donations you have provided to Merton College over the course of the past year. Your gifts have significantly increased the size of the Graduate Research Grant, which enables graduate students to present their work internationally or undertake fieldwork during their time at College. In addition, the College has been able to offer more graduate scholarships through your generosity. This makes Merton one of the most attractive colleges to apply to and goes some way towards enabling Merton students, independent of financial background, to experience one of the best graduate communities in Oxford. We are forever thankful to you!”

Alexander Karlberg (2012, DPhil Theoretical Physics)
MCR President & Buckee Scholar

“I would like to thank you, on behalf of the JCR, for your generous financial support. Your donations have helped Merton to welcome its first-ever Reach Oxford Scholar in October 2015. The scholarships enable students from low-income countries to come to Oxford for their undergraduate studies. I think that we can be proud as a college that we have been staunch in our commitment to scholarships since 1264, regardless of the financial challenges that inevitably arise. It speaks volumes that so many Mertonians have donated so generously to the College. In addition, I would like to thank you not only for your financial support, but also for passing on to us the spirit of this wonderful endeavour – we will try our best to run our leg, and hand on the baton just as you have!”

William Tilston (2013, BA Lit Hum)
JCR President

THANK YOU FROM THE WARDEN



In last year's *Donor Report* (2013-14), I was delighted to announce that the *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign closed on 31 December 2014 having successfully surpassed its £30 million target. Entering 2015 with such a sensational success under our belts, our clearest priority was to keep the momentum of the Campaign years driving us forward, and to maintain the wonderful tradition of giving that the Campaign inspired in so many Mertonians and friends, whether existing or new donors to the College. Thank you.

Importantly, this *Donor Report* also has a lot of good news to report from the 2014-15 year. We know from extensive benchmarking research of similar campaigns at other higher education institutions that there is always a period of transition after a campaign, but the support that so many of you have continued to give immediately after 2014 has been encouraging. Our heartfelt thanks are due to all our ongoing donors, who recognise that supporting Merton's work extends beyond the confines of a discrete campaign.

Sustaining Excellence has enabled us to endow Fellowships, build up the College's student support provision and do much to bring Merton's buildings squarely into the 21st century. It has laid the foundations for the College to continue to adapt and thrive in the current higher educational environment. We have now reached the point at which we can build on the results of the Anniversary Campaign, so as 2015 got underway, we picked up where we left off before 2014's festivities set in – looking at Merton's strategic direction for the future.

The College has agreed that the balance of undergraduate and postgraduate students should be at roughly equal numbers each year. But Oxford is changing, and the skills and experience needed to succeed after Oxford must reflect that change. Graduate students have always been more central to Merton's community than in many other colleges; as the 750th Anniversary Campaign concentrated more on undergraduates, so, in the next phase of the College's development, graduates will be the focus of our energy and fundraising ambition. Further support for the research and teaching activity of our excellent Fellowship will also be essential, as well as continued investment in our physical space to give the College the appropriate 21st century setting that it needs to thrive.

Merton will need to continue to be bold and forward-thinking to maintain and build on its international reputation for excellence. You – the community of Mertonians worldwide – are our greatest asset in achieving this goal. As 2016 takes hold, I should like to thank you all very sincerely for everything you have given to Merton – both during the *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign and as the College returned to 'business as usual' in 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Martin Taylor'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sir Martin Taylor FRS

COLLEGE FINANCES



Total incoming resources were £14.1 million for the year 2014-15. Income from all sources fell by £0.2 million on the previous year as resources received from legacies and donations declined following the exceptional results in previous years through the 750th Anniversary Campaign, *Sustaining Excellence*. Total expenditure at Merton in 2014-15 was £12.5 million, an increase of £0.4 million on the previous year. At the end of the financial year 2014-15, the College reported a surplus of £1.0 million on its unrestricted funds and an overall surplus of £1.6 million when restricted and endowment funds were included. The generosity of donors remained an important element in achieving the surplus on total funds.

Merton received £2.8 million in donations from alumni and friends of the College as well as from trusts and foundations in the 2014-15 financial year. Of this total, £2.1 million was donated towards endowments. Our donors continued to support the College on a number of fronts, particularly Undergraduate Student Support, Graduate Scholarships, and the continued commitment to a number of Tutorial Fellowships.

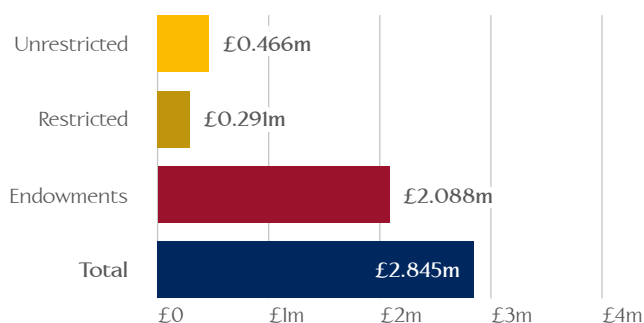
Merton continued to benefit from unrestricted donations totalling nearly £0.5 million last year, as gifts via the Annual Fund and telephone campaigns made important contributions once more.

The College's endowment grew by £16.7 million in the year 2014-15. In the five years to 2014-15, the endowment increased by £76.3 million, including donated endowments of £12.7 million. Merton continued to enjoy good investment returns over the year with a return of 10.7% for 2014-15. Returns to the College's equity portfolio were in line with markets over the period, and the College's modest commitment to private equity provided an above-market return for the year. The College's investments in property continued to produce good income and rental growth, with capital values also increasing in the year.

Charles Alexander
Finance Bursar

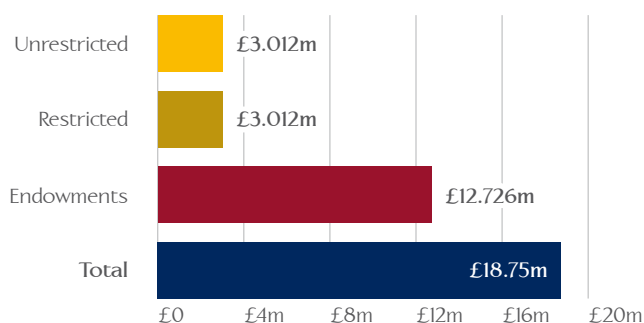
LEGACIES & DONATIONS RECEIVED

August 2014 – July 2015



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August 2010 – July 2015

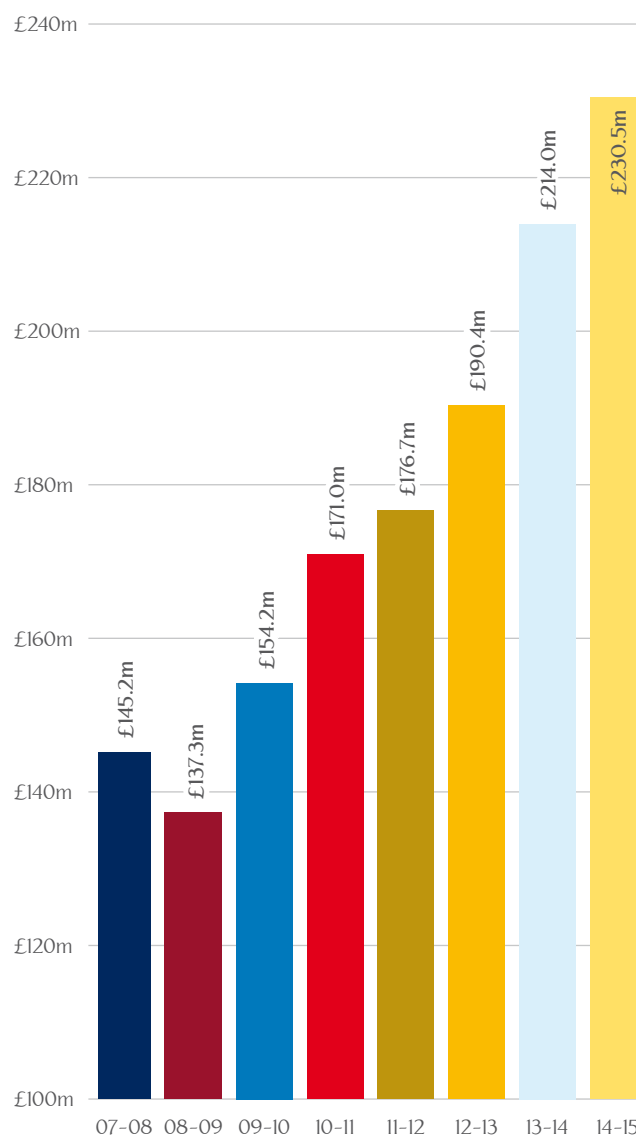


INCOME/EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	August 2013 - July 2014	August 2014 - July 2015
INCOME	£000s	£000s
Fees and grants	2,409	2,468
Residential income	2,581	2,573
Endowment return applied to income	5,370	5,802
Legacies and donations (for unrestricted funds only)	368	466
Trading income	888	724
TOTAL	11,616	12,033
EXPENDITURE		
Tuition and research staff	2,066	2,321
Residential staff	2,722	2,869
Other tuition and research	1,312	1,262
Other residential	2,700	2,750
Support costs	1,820	1,836
Fundraising	591	555
Other	196	241
Provided by restricted funds	(792)	(791)
TOTAL	10,615	11,043
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,001	990

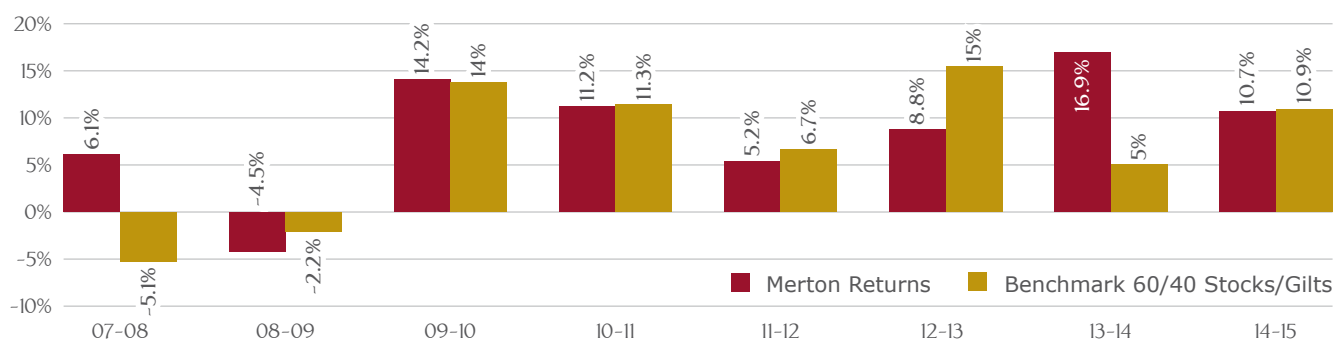
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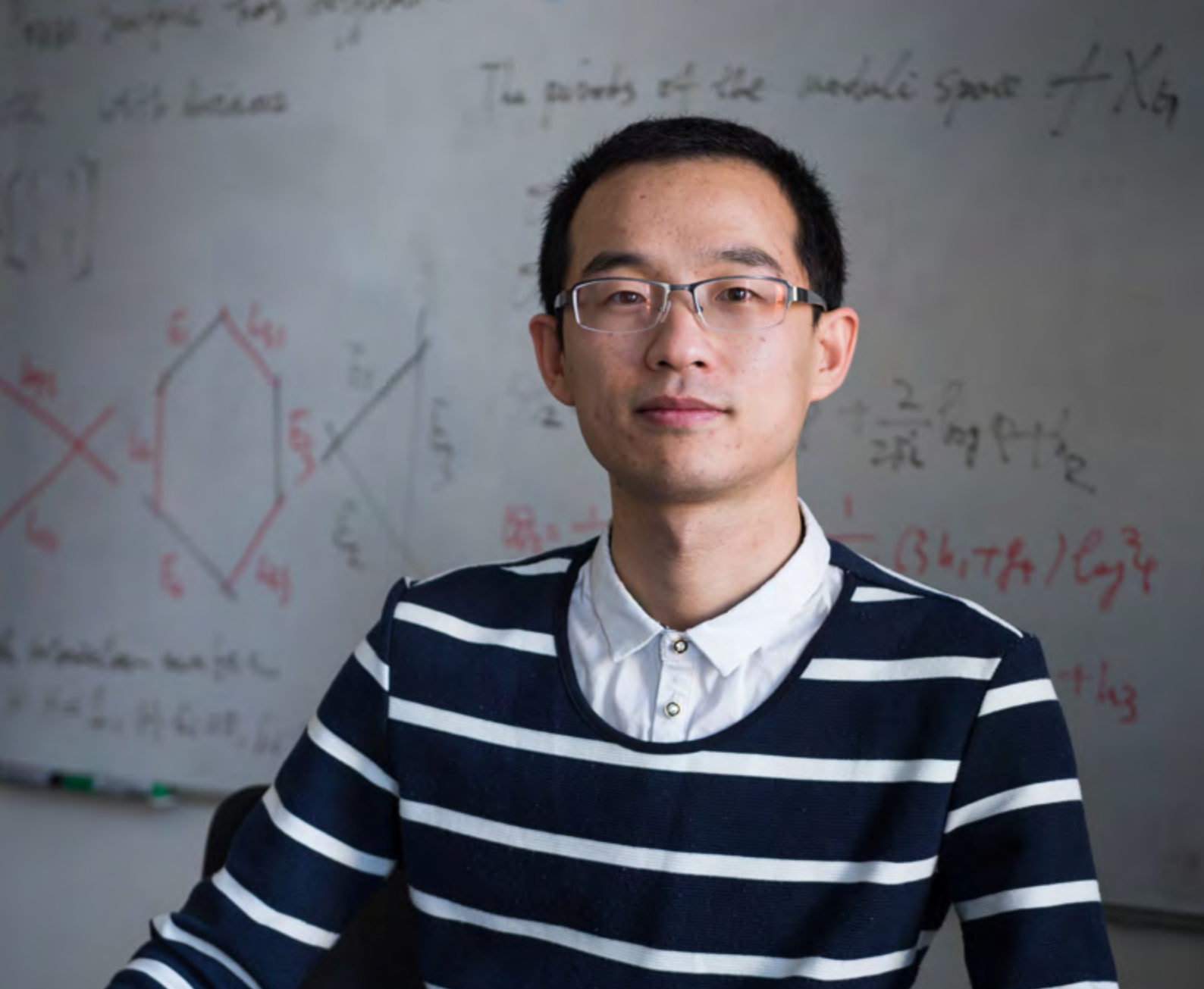
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INVESTMENT RETURNS

August 2007 – July 2015





THE OXFORD-PALMER GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

"I was born and raised in a remote rural area in China where people lived in poverty. At school I was very interested in mathematics and physics, but the teacher could only teach what was already in textbooks. This made me very curious about what was beyond. Ever since then I have dreamed of doing great research in mathematics and physics. When I was offered a place at Merton, I was awarded the Oxford-Palmer Graduate Scholarship, which is absolutely indispensable for me. First, the scholarship is nearly equal to what my parents would earn in one century, so it would have been impossible for them to pay my fees. Secondly, I could not take out a student loan in China, where they are only available for domestic studies. Without the scholarship, I would never be able to carry out research with Professor Candelas in Oxford.

"I would like to use this chance to express my sincere thanks to Dr Peter Palmer (1968) and all the other Mertonians whose generosity made it possible for this peasant's son from China to study in Oxford and have the opportunity to fulfil his dream."

Wenzhe Yang (2014, DPhil Mathematics)
Oxford-Palmer Graduate Scholar

2014-15: WHERE NEXT?



In 2014, the *Sustaining Excellence* 750th Anniversary Campaign came to a triumphant close, having outstripped our £30 million target with an outstanding £30,419,635 by December 2014. As ever, warmest thanks and congratulations to all who were involved in the Campaign, including not least our 2,891 donors, as well as the crucial 750th Anniversary Campaign Board members who helped to make the seven-year Campaign such a success. The hard work done to underpin the Tutorial System and to support students will help resource these crucial aspects of College life for many years to come. As can be seen in the case studies that pepper this *Donor Report*, the results of this hard work and generosity are already proving to be transformative.

Donations continue to form a major part of the College's incoming resources, however, and the ongoing donations of Mertonians and friends of the College remain crucial beyond the exciting campaign years. Many thanks are due to those who have continued to give so generously in the 2014-15 year. During this year significant pledge payments from the 750th Anniversary Campaign have come in for the Unrestricted Fund, for Undergraduate Student Support, for the Philosophy, English, Chemistry and Economics Fellowships and for the Choral Foundation. A Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities has also been endowed by a most generous legacy (see page 11).

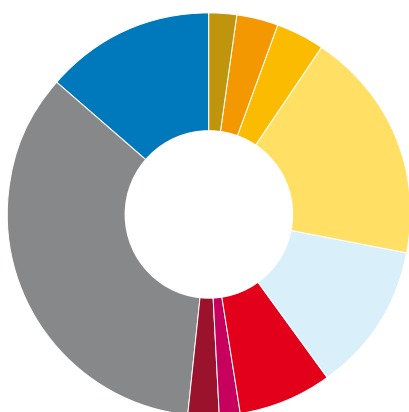
Once the busy Anniversary year was past, January 2015 afforded Merton and the Governing Body much needed space to focus once again on the College's strategic plans for the future – work that gathered pace throughout the year. Although we continue to put the finishing touches to this strategy at the start of 2016, we know that we need to meet the challenges of a changing world, and focus on the skills and experience needed to succeed after an undergraduate degree. As the Warden reported in his introduction, the Governing Body has decided that the balance of undergraduate and postgraduate students should be at roughly equal numbers. Since the 750th Anniversary Campaign focused more on the teaching and support of undergraduates, we now have more work to do to reach the goal of needs-blind admissions for graduate students, in a world where graduate studies are becoming more and more important. At the same time, we must continue to endow the College's crucial Tutorial Fellowships, whilst not forgetting its facilities and buildings.

All in all, 2014-15 was a pivotal year as we moved from the wonderfully successful Anniversary Campaign and celebrations to developing a new strategy for the College in the coming years. We look forward to what 2015-16 holds, in the knowledge that the great work started in 2007 will help Merton continue to grow and to foster the very best students, teachers and researchers. *Floreat Merton!*

Christine Taylor
Fellow and Director of Development

FUNDS RAISED BY PRIORITY

August 2014 – July 2015
(Including gifts over £25,000)



- Buildings and facilities (2%)
- Extending the Boathouse (3%)
- General Student Support (4%)
- Unrestricted (19%)
- Undergraduate Student Support (12%)
- Law Fellowship (7%)
- Library (2%)
- Tutorial System (3%)
- Graduate Student Support (35%)
- Choral Foundation (13%)

2014-15 FUNDS RAISED AT A GLANCE

Major Gifts (greater than £25,000)*	£503,087
Annual Fund (less than £25,000)*	£498,637
Legacies	£613,016
Total	£1,614,740
Participation Rate	18.2%

*excluding legacies

THE ANNUAL FUND



When I was a student at Merton (English, 2011), I benefited from improvements to the Tutorial System and College environment funded by Mertonians and friends of the College, and as a former telethon caller I have had many interesting and stimulating conversations with some of you! Now, as Merton's new Development Officer, I am delighted to be working with fellow Mertonians to draw together support for the College.

After the excitement of the 750th Anniversary Campaign, the 2014-15 financial year was a quieter year for the Merton Annual Fund. Merton received £498,637 in gifts of under £25,000, and our participation rate dipped to 18%. The College's telethon in September 2014 was particularly difficult, raising a lower than average figure of £135,000, which was in a large part due to an unfortunate outbreak of norovirus among the student callers. Following this, we ran a lower key Annual Fund this financial year while restructuring the Fund's format after the 750th Anniversary Campaign. Although these drops may seem steep, they are to be expected post-Campaign. As can be seen in the figures on the opposite page, other Oxford colleges experienced similar reductions in donations as they too came out of fundraising campaigns.

Participation remains an incredibly important measure of support – it is an expression of Mertonians' willingness to get involved with Merton's current projects – and we thank every donor who decided to make a gift last year, whether through the telethon or not. Our next telephone campaign will take place in April 2016. We hope that our students will be able to catch up with many of you then, and speak with you more about Merton's post-Anniversary plans.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Annual Fund, learning more about the difference your gift makes, or if you want to discover other ways you can support the College, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at sarah.jones2@merton.ox.ac.uk or by calling 01865 286312.

Sarah Jones (2011)
Development Officer

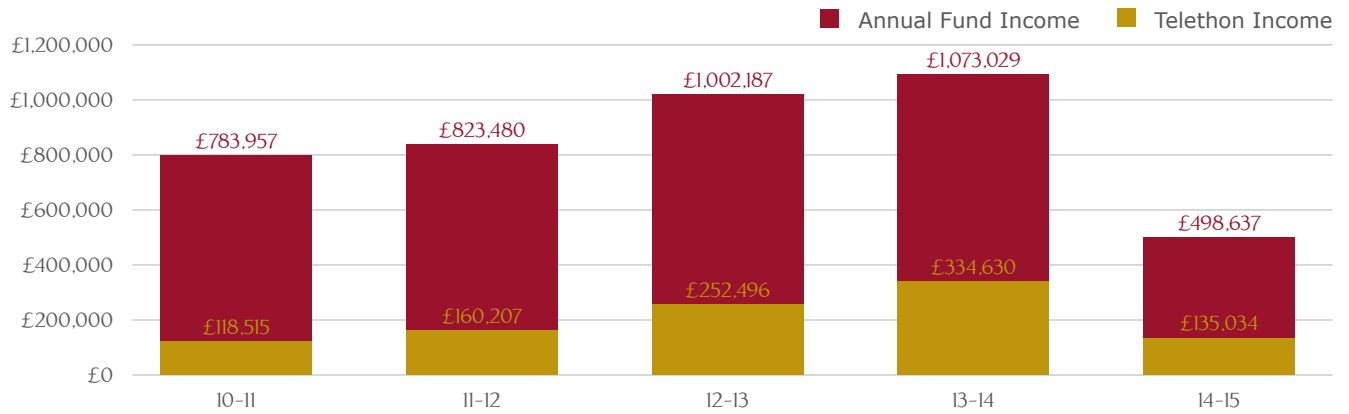


“Having worked on the telethon on two occasions, I've had many opportunities to speak to Merton alumni about their time at College and it's been something quite special! I've heard wonderful stories of their time in Oxford and hope that I'll remember my experience as fondly. Tales of rowing and reminiscing about Merton's beauty are familiar to me, but stories from before women were admitted to the College show how much Merton has changed. Being able to help the College raise support is really rewarding as alumni are so grateful for their time at Merton and are enthusiastic to give back. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to tell me your stories, and thank you to everyone who supported and continues to support the College.”

Rebecca Rundle (2012, BA History)

ANNUAL FUND AND TELETHON INCOME

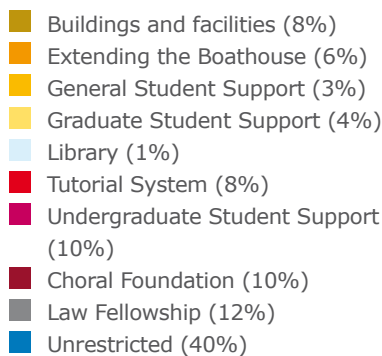
August 2010 - July 2015



FUNDS RAISED BY PRIORITY

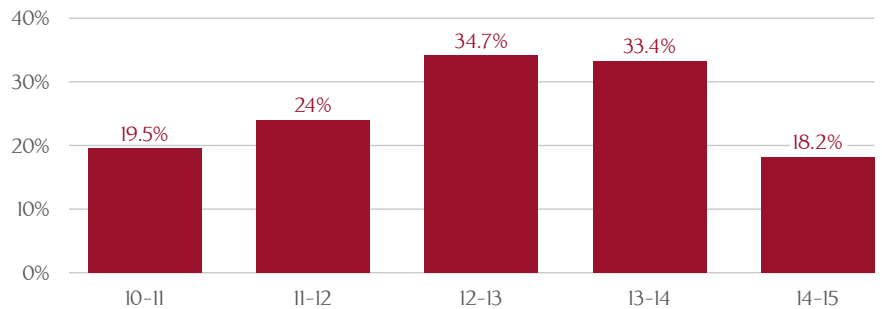
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(Excluding gifts over £25,000, i.e. Annual Fund gifts)



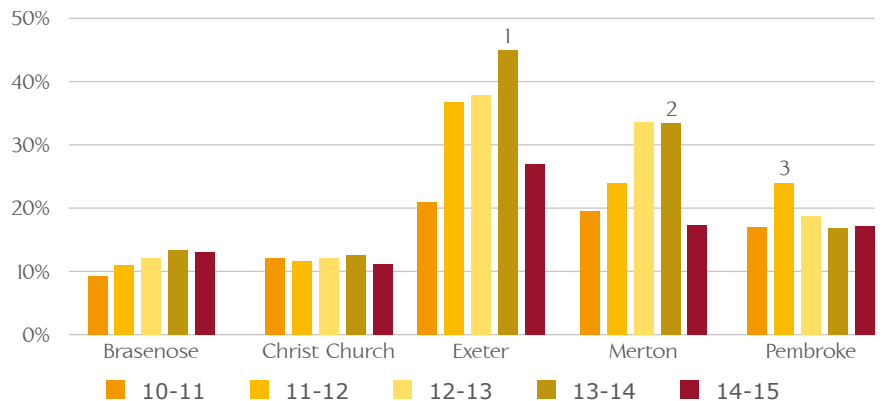
PARTICIPATION RATE

August 2010 - July 2015



PARTICIPATION BY COLLEGE

August 2010 - July 2015



1: final year of Exeter's 700th Anniversary

2: final year of Merton's 750th Anniversary *Sustaining Excellence* Campaign

3: final year of the *Bridging Centuries* campaign at Pembroke College

Neither Brasenose or Christ Church have held major campaigns since August 2010 and are included here as comparators.

THE 1264 SOCIETY



The 1264 Society, Merton College’s society for generous Annual Fund donors, had 177 members in 2014-15. This is a wonderful show of support for the College, and we thank everyone who decided to join the Society this year.

We invite 1264 Society members to an annual event in London, and this year we were delighted to offer members complimentary tickets to hear the Choir of Merton College perform a Christmas concert at St John’s Smith Square, London, followed by a private drinks reception in the crypt.

Please see the table below for the different levels of giving for Society members. If you have any questions, please get in touch at sarah.jones2@merton.ox.ac.uk or by phone on 01865 286312. We hope that many of you will join the Society over the coming year!

Sarah Jones (2011)
Development Officer

1264 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: ANNUAL GIFT AMOUNTS¹

	Annual gift	Value with Gift Aid
Alumni	£1,264.00	£1,580.00
Young Alumni (under 30 or left in the past five years)	£126.40	£158.00
Current students and recent leavers (left in the past year)	£12.64	£15.80

¹within the College’s financial year (1 August to 31 July)

“As a current undergraduate at Merton, I decided to join the 1264 Society as a small way of getting involved in supporting the College. The special events for members of the Society sounded like an excellent opportunity to get to know Mertonians from previous years, as well as other people who are part of the wider Merton family. I also enjoy the feeling of being part of a community that exists to give something back and express gratitude to the College, which has been a wonderful place to live as well as an intellectual home for the last few years. I hope that even once I have left Merton I will still be able to be part of College life, and I am sure that membership of 1264 Society will be one way of continuing my involvement.”

Amanda Thomas (2012, BA Modern Languages & Linguistics)
Member of the 1264 Society

MERTON'S MAJOR BENEFACTORS



This financial year has straddled both the end of the 750th Anniversary Campaign, *Sustaining Excellence* – as Merton completed raising £30 million to protect the Tutorial System, support students and enhance the College site – and an exciting new phase, developing the College's future strategy.

We had a wonderful response from so many Mertonians, who rose to the call to support us before the end of the 750th Anniversary Campaign. In particular, generous pledges to Undergraduate Student Support from Mike McCaffery (1971) and to the College's Unrestricted Fund from Andrew Robertson (1988) helped us to reach this wonderful £30 million milestone in the summer of 2014.

Towards the end of 2014, we were delighted that a number of major donors also increased their existing support for Merton. The 750th Anniversary Campaign was made up of very many gifts, and many donors have become members of new Donor Circles in the course of the Campaign. In particular, David Rocke (1987), John Kirby (1962), Bob McKelvey (BF, 1959), Sir Gerry Grimstone (1968) and Hilary Evenett (1982)

were all welcomed as Ela of Warwick Benefactors, and we were delighted to welcome Ian Taylor (1975) to the Warden's Court of Benefactors.

2015 began on a far sadder note when we learnt of the death of Gerald 'David' Clayton (1955), a very well-respected history teacher and headmaster, and a long-time enthusiast for Merton College. David left most of his estate to Merton. This most generous legacy has, following his intention, been used to endow a Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities. His bequest was matched by the University's Graduate Scholarship fund. David's gift will have a profound impact on the lives of many future Mertonians.

To thank our Benefactors for their philanthropy, we were delighted to host a Benefactors' Day on Saturday 13 June 2015. Plans were unveiled for a new Benefactors' Archway, which will be situated between Front Quad and St Alban's Quad. This area, at the heart of the College, will help to create a fitting setting to honour not only those Mertonians who gave to the 750th Anniversary Campaign at Ela of Warwick Benefactor levels and above, but also other generous

donors to the College in the future. In addition to enjoying a special luncheon on that day, the College's Benefactors and Patrons saw presentations from two graduate students in the TS Eliot Lecture Theatre – Adil Hossain (2014) on international development and Samantha de Silva (2010) on medicine.

We were also delighted when the University welcomed Dr David Harvey (BF, 1957) into the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors in September 2015, in recognition of his transformative generosity towards Merton. He joins John Booth (WF, 1976), Dr Peter Braam (WF, ExJ, 1987), Francis Finlay CMG OBE (HF, 1962), Charles Manby (WF, 1976), Sir Howard Stringer (HF, 1961) and Guy Weston (HF, 1976; for the Weston Foundation).

Beyond 2014-15, the College continues to welcome your support, which remains essential as higher education faces fresh financial pressures.

Christine Taylor
Fellow and Director of Development

Peter O'Connor
Senior Development Executive

THANK YOU

In 2014-15 Merton College received gifts from 1,051 Mertonians and Friends, of whom 66 wish to remain anonymous.

Merton College would like to thank all donors for their generous support. Within the ensuing pages we pay credit to all those who have made a public gift during the 2014-15 financial year, whether directly to the College or to the Merton College Charitable Corporation (MC3). We are also delighted to celebrate those Major Benefactors and Patrons who have made exceptionally generous contributions to the College, each of them donating more than £10,000 since 1 August 2007.

If your donation was made after 31 July 2015, we shall be pleased to acknowledge your gift in next year's *Donor Report*. If we have made any errors or inadvertently left your name off the list, please accept our apologies and let us know.

BENEFACTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Benefactions Committee was formed after the Merton College Charitable Trust was wound up in 2011. The Committee's remit is to review the receipt, investment, disbursement and accounting of donations received by the College. The Committee as currently constituted first met on 27 November 2012 and last met on 21 October 2015.

2015 REPORT TO DONORS

The Committee, which was formed in July 2012, presents its report to the College's benefactors for the fiscal year to 31 July 2015. The Committee comprises Richard Allan (BF, 1959) (Chairman), Ian McVeigh (1976), Tim Morrison (1972) and William Watson (1980). Meetings are attended by the Finance Bursar and the Director of Development.

In the past year, we have received information from the Warden about the College's strategic review and the consequential current spending priorities. We have obtained certain information relating to the College's control of and accounting for the receipt, investment and disbursement of benefactions (both restricted and unrestricted), and have discussed these matters with the Director of Development, the Finance Bursar, the College Accountant and the external auditors. Because Merton College Charitable Corporation (MC3), which is incorporated in the USA, is a charity independent of the College, we have performed no work in respect of benefactions received by MC3 until they have been transferred by MC3 to the College. We have also reviewed, on a sample basis, a small number of benefactions received by the College (both restricted and unrestricted) to satisfy ourselves that, in each case selected, the relevant funds have been properly recorded to enable disbursements to be made in accordance with the donor's wishes.

On the basis of the work we have performed, we confirm that nothing has come to our attention that casts doubt on the way in which the receipt, investment and disbursement of benefactions have been controlled and accounted for by the College during the year ending 31 July 2015.

Richard Allan (1959)
Chairman, Benefactions Committee

DONORS RECOGNISED BY THE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor's Court of Benefactors and the Vice-Chancellor's Circle recognise the significant support its members have made to the collegiate University.

New members since 1 August 2014 are highlighted in blue.

CHANCELLOR'S COURT OF BENEFACTORS

(£1.5 MILLION+ TO THE UNIVERSITY†)

The A. G. Leventis Foundation (represented by Mr H K Leventis)
Mr J Blackwell (HF)
Mr J D S Booth (WF) (1976)
Dr P J Braam (ExJ) (1987)
Mr D F L Finlay CMG OBE (HF) (1962)
The Garfield Weston Foundation (represented by Mr G H Weston [HF] [1978])
Dr D R Harvey (BF) (1957)
Mr C G R Manby (WF) (1976)
The Peter Moores Foundation (represented by Sir Peter Moores CBE)
Dr J P Moussouris (1971)
Professor A T Reyes
Sir Howard Stringer (HF) (1961)

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE

(£250,000+ TO THE UNIVERSITY†)

Mr and Mrs R B Allan (BF) (1959)
Mr R R J Burns (1964)
Mr E D Hay (1950)* (represented by Mrs S Hay)
The Reed Foundation (represented by Mr R Rubin [BF] [1957])
Mr H Y Scott-Barrett (1977)
Mr I R Taylor (1975)
Mr D G Ure (1965)

†includes any part of the collegiate University including Merton

MAJOR BENEFACTORS

The Governing Body is delighted to recognise our major donors in the following benefaction levels. The donors listed here have made exceptionally generous contributions to Merton since 1 August 2007, for which the College would like to extend its greatest thanks.

The following list recognises all donations received by Merton as of 31 July 2015. All new benefactors, or those who have moved up levels since the last *Donor Report*, are highlighted in blue.

HONORARY FELLOWS

(HAVE DONATED £1,000,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

Mr J Blackwell
Sir Howard Stringer (1961)

BODLEY FELLOWS

(HAVE DONATED £1,000,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

Dr D R Harvey (1957)

WYLIOT FELLOWS‡

(HAVE DONATED £1,000,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

Mr J D S Booth (1976)
Dr P J Braam (ExJ) (1987)
Mr C G R Manby (1976)
and one anonymous Wyliot Fellow

WARDEN'S COURT OF BENEFACTORS‡

(HAVE DONATED £500,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

Dr J P Moussouris (1971)
The Reed Foundation (represented by Mr R Rubin [BF] [1957])
The Taylor Family Foundation (represented by Mr I R Taylor [1975])

ELA OF WARWICK BENEFACTORS‡

(HAVE DONATED £100,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

The A. G. Leventis Foundation
Mr R B Allan (BF) (1959)
Dr J W Buckee (1968)
Mr R R J Burns (1964)
Mr T A R Curran (1965)
Mrs H J Evenett (Birks) (1982)
Mr D K F Finlay CMG OBE (HF) (1962)
The Greendale Foundation
Sir Gerry Grimstone (1968)
Mr W R Hall (1954)
Mrs C E Holmes à Court-Mather (Holmes à Court) (1991)
Mr J J Kirby Jr (1962)
Mr S R Lancelyn Green (1968)
Mr R G McKelvey (BF) (1959)
The Norfolk Foundation
Mr A Robertson (1988)
Mr D M Rocke (1987)
Mr H Y Scott-Barrett (1977)
Mr D G Ure (1965)
Mr R Venables QC (1966)
Mr G H Weston (HF) (1978)
Mr G T Willett (1986)
and five anonymous *Ela of Warwick Benefactors*

CLARE BENEFACTORS‡

(HAVE DONATED £50,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007)

Mr J A de Pourtales (1984)
Mr M B Dearden (1961)
Mr C W Filson (1966)

Lord Freud of Eastry (1969)
Mr M R Glenn (1978)
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)
Miss C Tseng (2008)
Mr T Wannamethee (1981)
and two anonymous *Clare Benefactors*

ROCHESTER BENEFACTORS‡

(HAVE DONATED £25,000+ SINCE 1 AUGUST 2007, OR £10,000+ FROM DONORS WHO ARE UNDER 30)

Mr M S M M Abbas (1990)
Professor R D Adams (1962)
Mr N W Allard (1974)
The Argentarius Foundation
Mr T A Connolly (1975)
Mr J W Davies (1974)
Dr I R B Desai (2005)
Mr J R Doty (1962)
Professor P P Feeny (ExV) (1957)
Mr D I W Hamer (1974)
Mr P M Hay (1963)
Dr J R L Highfield (EF) (1948)
Mrs P M Howells (Hopkins) (1989)
Mr S L Morgan (1968)
Mr P J Parsons (1958)
Mr B C Perry (1992)
Mr A R Polley (1998)
Mr L A Rabinowitz QC (1983)
Mr J D C Seymour (1983)
Mr C G R Target (1975)
Mr R C Urwin (1973)
Mr H D E Varney (1989)
Mr A M Vickers (BF) (1958)
Professor P B Woodruff (1965)
and seven anonymous *Rochester Benefactors*

‡lifetime benefactors

*deceased

PATRONS



Patrons have been nominated by Merton to recognise the College's gratitude to the generous donors who have given £10,000 since 1 August 2007.

The following list recognises all donations received since 1 August 2007, as of 31 July 2015. All new Patrons from the period 1 August 2014 – 31 July 2015 are highlighted in blue.

Dr J H Augustine (1984)	Dr L Goldstein (ExV)	Mr D C Owen QC (1976)
Mr A W Baker QC (1983)	Mr J R B Gould (1959)	Mr H C E Paget (1965)
Mrs P J Baker (Ghaut) (1983)	Mr R C Hain (1976)	Mr P S Phillips (BF)
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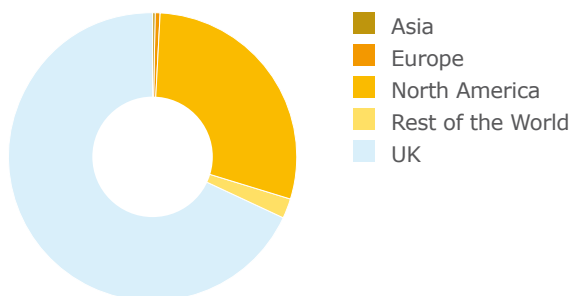
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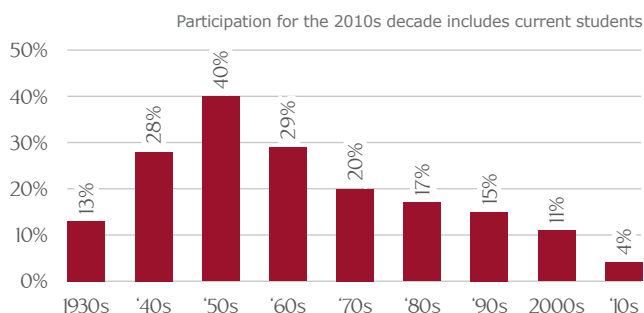
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Cayenna Ponchione (2011, DPhil Music)



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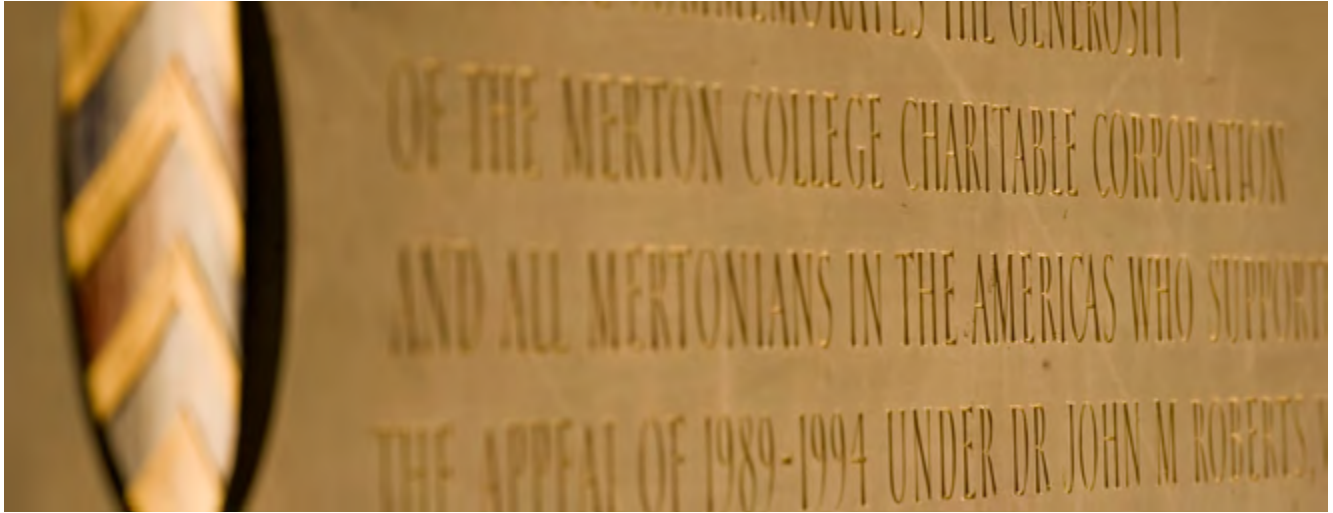
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