

DONOR REPORT

2015-16





"On behalf of the Merton MCR, I would like to thank you very much for all your support towards improving graduate life at the College. It has been a great pleasure to meet some of you over the past few months, both in the College and elsewhere. With funding for postgraduate education - particularly in the Humanities - in the sticky situation that it is, your help directly enables graduates to form the 'engine room' of research at the heart of the College and wider University. Without graduate scholarships, many of the best students would simply not be able to continue in academia. Above all, Merton - past and present - is a wonderful community of which to be a member. The continuing development of facilities designed with the College's members in mind, such as the TS Eliot Theatre and the Boathouse, means that the student environment is not only world-class, but thoroughly Mertonian."

Timothy Foot (2011, MPhil Greek and/or Latin Literature) MCR President

"I would like to offer my warmest thanks to all the donors who enable undergraduates to come to Merton and make the most of their time here. As you know, the university experience goes beyond the purely academic: It is a privilege that students at Merton are able to avail themselves of brilliant teaching and wonderful facilities, as well as the research and academic-related travel opportunities that you have helped to provide. Through your donations, we have welcomed our first Reach Scholar who is now in his second year of study; you have given financial support to 77 – that is, more than a quarter - of our undergraduates in the last academic year; and you continue to facilitate intellectual and cross-cultural stimulation through the provision of travel grants. Your generosity is woven into the very fabric of Merton and I hope it will continue to inspire future generations of Mertonians to contribute to the life of the College."

Natalie Nguyen (2015, BA Ancient and Modern History) JCR President and Taylor Family Foundation Merton-Oxford Bursary recipient

THANK YOU FROM THE WARDEN



2015-16 FUNDS RAISED AT A GLANCE

Major Gifts*	£1,704,994
Annual Fund*	£871,623
Legacies	£135,455
Total	£2,712,073
Participation Rate	17.1%

^{*}excluding legacies

In January 2016, I had the pleasure of joining members of the Governing Body at a weekend-long meeting with key Merton supporters. On the table was the College's vision for the future, as mentioned in last year's *Donor Report* (2014-15). Over the course of two days, we spoke about this vision at length, especially our plans to support and attract talented graduate students, as well as upcoming capital projects. Those two days were crucial, and we all came away with a clearer vision of Merton's future direction.

I would hate, however, to give you the impression that we spent the whole of 2015-16 discussing the College's future in meeting rooms. This last year has also seen the College setting the groundwork to make these plans become reality. For instance, we expect that, by the time this report reaches you, the new lift in Patey's Quad and six state-of-the-art music practice rooms in St Alban's will be almost completed. And the Development Office is well underway with raising funds towards graduate scholarships. A scholarship in History has been generously endowed by John Booth (1976) and Ian McVeigh (1976), in memory of their contemporary Christopher Duggan, who so sadly passed away in 2015. In November 2015, we launched a new partnership with Rhodes House to fund several Rhodes Scholarships at Merton, and it is wonderful to share that this partnership has already borne fruit. John Moussouris (1971) has committed to funding three of these scholarships in full. This is brilliant news both for the College and for future beneficiaries of the scholarships.

Working with Rhodes has been a pleasure, and the partnership is just one example of Mertonian generosity. Last year I spoke about the habitual 'drop' in funds raised and monies received in the wake of a campaign as big as the 750th Anniversary Campaign. Last year, you enabled us not only to reach but also to exceed the 2015-16 target of £2.1 million. This is an especially impressive feat just after a campaign, and it is a great note on which to say goodbye to Christine Taylor, Fellow and Director of Development. Christine's hard work and talent have enabled the College to go from strength to financial strength over the past ten years; her successor Dr Duncan Barker, who joins Merton from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London, will have big shoes to fill. We shall always be grateful for Christine's hard work for the College, and we shall miss her.

I should like to finish by thanking you all for your continuing support. Without you, Merton would be unable to weather the current political and economic storm. As the UK enters a period of unprecedented financial insecurity following the EU referendum, it has become even clearer that the College's priorities - whether our new focus on graduate students or our pre-existing efforts for the Tutorial System and undergraduates - will continue to grow more pressing. Your generosity has been, and will continue to be, crucial to Merton's lasting success.

Martin your

Sir Martin Taylor FRS

COLLEGE FINANCES



Total income was £13.5 million for the year 2015-16. Income from all sources fell by £0.6 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 2015-16 was £13.0 million, an increase of £0.1 million on the previous year. At the end of the financial year 2015-16, the College reported a surplus of £1.1 million on its unrestricted funds and an overall surplus of £0.5 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 £2.0 million in donations from alumni and friends of the College as well as from trusts and foundations in the 2015-16 financial year. Of this total, £1.4 million was donated towards endowments. Our donors continued to support the College on a number of fronts, particularly Undergraduate Student Support, Graduate Scholarships, and a number of Tutorial Fellowships.

Merton continued to benefit from unrestricted donations totalling nearly £0.3 million last year, as gifts via the Annual Fund and telephone campaigns made important contributions once more.

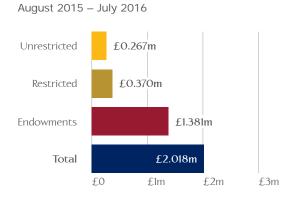
The College's endowment grew by £8.1 million in the year 2015-16. In the five years to 2015-16, the endowment increased by £67.6 million. Merton continued to enjoy good investment returns over the year with a return of 6.4% for 2015-16. Returns to the College's equity portfolio were in line with markets 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, although at a slower pace than the preceding year.

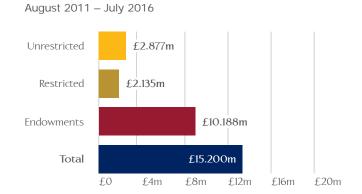
Charles Alexander
Finance Bursar

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LEGACIES & DONATIONS RECEIVED

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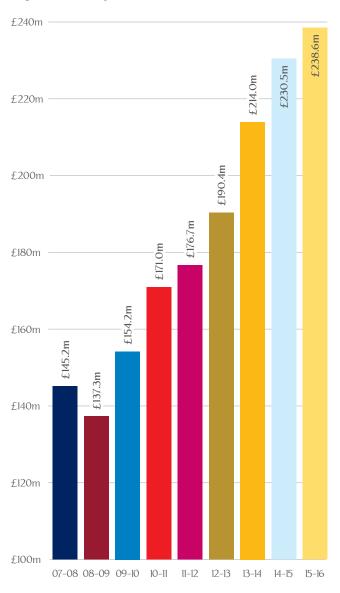


INCOME/EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

TOTAL ENDOWMENT ASSETS

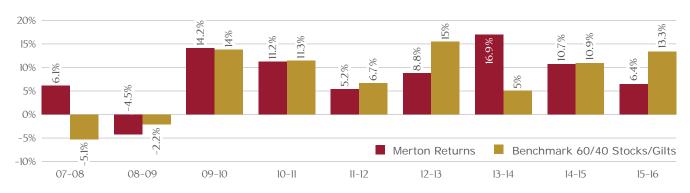
August 2007 – July 2016

	August 2014 - July 2015	August 2015 - July 2016
INCOME	£000s	£000s
Fees and grants	2,468	2,244
Residential income	2,573	2,517
Endowment return applied to income	5,802	6,235
Legacies and donations (for unrestricted funds only)	466	267
Trading income	724	920
TOTAL	12,033	12,183
EXPENDITURE		
Tuition and research staff	2,544	2,355
Residential staff	2,937	2,839
Other tuition and research	1,262	1,423
Other residential	2,750	2,797
Support costs	1,897	1,926
Fundraising	576	593
Other	241	248
Provided by restricted funds	(791)	(1,053)
TOTAL	11,416	11,128
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	617	1,055



INVESTMENT RETURNS

August 2007 – July 2016





THE MANBY FAMILY CLASSICS SCHOLARSHIP

"My research aims to demonstrate and illuminate the literary and poetic prowess of the poet Alcaeus, who is often considered 'the other Lesbian', as Sappho, his contemporary and (likely) compatriot, has stolen the limelight in modern scholarship. In approaching the project from multiple angles, I have been able to bring together many of the interests that I developed during my undergraduate studies, from textual criticism and papyrology to historical and applied linguistics. In all of these fields Oxford boasts many leading and interested researchers, and I feel very fortunate to have joined this academic community.

"The Manby Family Classics Scholarship, in conjunction with the Faculty of Classics, which offered funding not only for my Master's degree but for the DPhil as well, has allowed me to pursue my academic interests in Oxford with a degree of stability and room to experiment not often available to graduate students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Manby family for this scholarship, without which I would not have been able to pursue my studies and research further. I am very grateful for the life-changing academic and personal opportunities that they have made possible."

Il-Kweon Sir (2011, DPhil Classical Languages and Literature) Manby Family Classics Scholar

2015-16: MOVING FORWARD



2015-16 was always going to be a challenge for the Development Team. With the 750th Anniversary Campaign firmly behind us, there was a real question of whether we could maintain the fundraising momentum that we had gathered over the preceding years. It is with particular delight, therefore, that we can report that Mertonians and friends of the College have enabled us to exceed our £2.1 million target, and raise £2.7 million from 1,104 donors. The College is immensely grateful to everyone who supported Merton and proved that the exceptional generosity of Mertonians was not limited to the campaign. The case studies throughout this *Donor Report* show the very real impact that your donations have had on Merton's students and Fellows. Without your support none of this would have been possible.

As the Warden stated in his introduction, the end of the campaign offered the College the opportunity to plan strategically for the years ahead. The need to strengthen Merton's graduate provision was clear, both by increasing the number of scholarships available and by ensuring that Merton offers a physical setting to match its first-rate teaching and research. To this end £5.25 million has been raised since 2007 for graduate scholarships, £1.57 million of that in the 2015-16 year alone. These include the Christopher Duggan Graduate Scholarship in History, four Merton Rhodes Scholarships and new 'Pay-as-you-Go' scholarships (more information about which can be found p. 11). Or, looked at differently, 19 new individual Graduate Scholarships have been funded since the beginning of the Campaign, ten of which will be endowed. A new lift in Patey's Quad and music rooms in St Alban's will enhance the College's physical setting, and consultation and planning are underway for further potential capital projects.

Other exciting developments include the foundation of the Sir Gerry Grimstone Travel Awards, a scheme funded by Sir Gerry Grimstone (1968) which offers £25,000pa in travel grants for academic-related projects (a travel report can be found on page 27). Further, we are delighted to share the news that we have reached our 750th Anniversary Campaign target for Undergraduate Student Support (£2.57 million), ensuring that students from all backgrounds can afford to study at Merton. In addition, the new Chair of the Founder's (Legacy) Society, Dr Harry Bush (1971), along with Vice-Chair John Mills (1958) and Honorary Fellow Sir Christopher Ball (1956) have been working together with Peter O'Connor, Senior Development Executive, to strengthen and review Merton's legacy strategy, which has led to a new legacy brochure, and a 10% increase in known legacy pledges.

The Annual Fund too has seen change. The telethon is now held in March and the fund itself has been renamed the 'Merton Fund', better representing just how central gifts under £25,000 are to College life.

On a personal note, I wish to say thank you to everyone I have worked alongside over the past ten years, and, of course, to the thousands of Mertonians whose generosity goes on enabling Merton's excellence. It has been fantastic to be part of the College at such a key time in its history and to celebrate the momentous 750th birthday with you all. The decision to take early retirement was not an easy one, but I look forward to following Merton's continued success. I wish my successor, Dr Duncan Barker, all the best, and I am sure that you will offer him the warm rapport and support that you have been so kind to extend to me over the years.

Christine Taylor
Fellow and Director of Development

THE MERTON FUND



Thousands of Mertonians have donated to Merton's Annual Fund over the years, demonstrating that support for the College stretches beyond graduation. The 2015-16 financial year was reflective of this spirit of giving.

A total of 1,104 Mertonians and friends of the College donated to the College last year, and gifts under £25,000 amounted to more than £870,000. Despite the increase in the funds donated, our participation rate was only slightly below that of the previous year, at just over 17%. Although this was lower than hoped, the College was well above the average participation rate recorded across the colleges. It was wonderful to see so many Mertonians supporting the Annual Fund, particularly in the April Telephone Campaign which raised over £183,000 alone. The generosity of Mertonians is truly tremendous, and I would like to thank each and every person who contributed a gift to Merton last year.

One significant development which I am very pleased to introduce is the re-naming of the Merton Annual Fund to, more simply, the 'Merton Fund'. The phrase 'annual fund', though it has become a popular moniker for funds raised under £25,000 among the Oxford colleges, was a term adopted from our friends in the US which more accurately refers to an annually dispersed and annually supported fund. At Merton, however, many donors pledge gifts which run for multiple years, give more than once a year, or support long-term projects that they know will benefit the College in the long run, if not the moment. The 'Merton Fund' seems a much more fitting name for a fund which is of vital importance to the long-term stability of Merton, and which is supported by such a large number of Mertonians and friends of the College.

If you are interested in making a gift to the Merton Fund, learning more about the difference your gift makes, or if you want to discover other ways in which 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

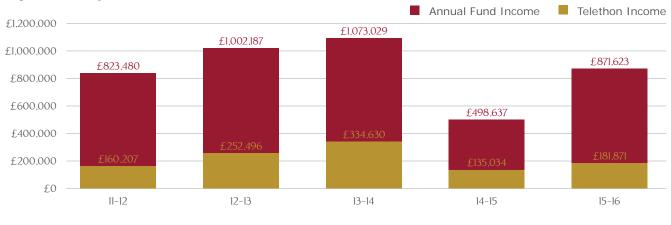


"Conversing with Mertonians from Birmingham to Beijing as part of the annual telethon was an exhilarating experience. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing stories of student life from alumni young and old, so many of whom were eager to give back to the College. In an era of reduced government assistance, I know that the support of Mertonians is more necessary than ever, keeping an Oxford education accessible to all. I sincerely thank our alumni community both for sharing their fond memories of Merton's past and for helping secure the College's promising future."

Eamonn O'Keeffe (2014, BA History) 2016 Telethon Caller

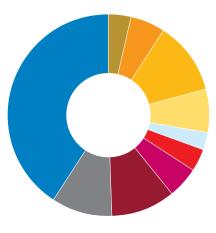
ANNUAL FUND AND TELETHON INCOME

August 2011 – July 2016



FUNDS RAISED FOR COLLEGE PRIORITIES

August 2015 – July 2016 (Annual Fund gifts, i.e. excluding gifts over £25,000)



Buildings & Facilities (4%)

Choral Foundation (6%)

Graduate Student Support (12%)

Law Fellowship (7%)

Library (3%)

Overall Student Support (4%)

The Rhodes-Merton Scholarships

(5%)

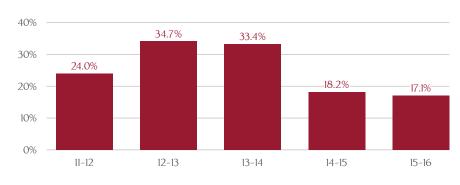
Tutorial System & Academic Posts (10%)

Undergraduate Student Support (10%)

Unrestricted (39%)

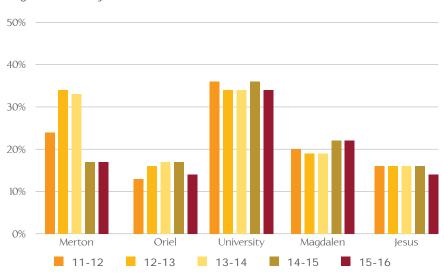
PARTICIPATION RATE

August 2011 - July 2016



PARTICIPATION BY COLLEGE

August 2011 - July 2016



THE 1264 SOCIETY









The 1264 Society, which recognises the most generous donors to Merton's Annual Fund, increased in size last year to 207 members (compared with 177 the previous year). This number included 46 young alumni (those under 30, or who graduated in the last five years) and 20 students or recent leavers – an amazing demonstration of support for the College from a wide range of Mertonians.

Each year we hold a special event in London for the 1264 Society, and in December 2016 we returned to St John's Smith Square to watch the College Choir perform for a second time. 1264 members were offered complimentary tickets to the event and to a drinks reception afterwards in St John's crypt. This was an extremely popular event – sold out and with full attendance – and we were pleased to see so many members of the Society enjoying themselves there.

Since the Society was created in 2010, we have sent out new 1264 pin badges each year to all members of the Society, whether they already have one or not. After some feedback from recurring members who had accrued several pin badges over the years, we decided from 2016 to send badges only to new members of the group. Both new and recurring members will, however, receive a small token of the College's thanks at Christmas. This year, we sent new members of the 1264 Society a gift of Merton chocolates for Christmas.

Please see the table below for the different levels of giving for 1264 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!

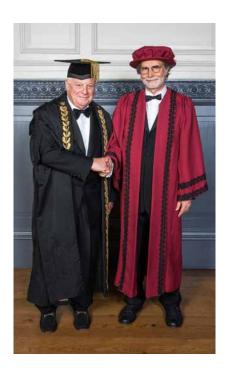
Sarah Jones (2011) Development Officer

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)

MERTON'S MAJOR BENEFACTORS











This year, the College continued to receive transformative support from a number of Mertonians and friends.

Thanks to some very generous donors, Merton has increased its provision for graduate students. The College is incredibly grateful to John Booth (1976) and Ian McVeigh (1976), for funding the Christopher Duggan Graduate Scholarship in History (in memory of Christopher Duggan [1976]), alongside the University of Oxford's Graduate Scholarship Matched Fund. The College also received a pledge to fund the living costs of a new 'Pay-as-you-Go' Graduate Scholarship, and ongoing support from David Ure (1965) ahead of the first award of his 'Pay-as-you-Go' Graduate Scholarship in 2017-18.

The College received a gift in memory of Mertonian Paul Stockton (1980), from his brother David Stockton, towards Undergraduate Student Support. This will help to fund the Merton-Oxford bursaries, which benefit students from low-income backgrounds. Sir Gerry Grimstone (1968) initiated a new set of student travel grants for academic-related travel in the long vacation, a scheme

which has been a great success. The College is also delighted that an anonymous Mertonian has continued his support of our Junior Research Fellows here at Merton, with a substantial gift to fund the work of Dr Helen Barron, JRF in Psychology.

There were two threads to development in the Americas. The first was a joint fundraising venture with the Rhodes Trust and the University of Oxford Graduate Scholarship Matched Fund. Merton received a substantial gift of \$1.1 million from John Moussouris (1971), as did the Rhodes Trust, to endow three joint Merton-Rhodes Scholarships in perpetuity. Generous gifts from Mike McCaffrey (1974), Bob McKelvey (1959), John Kirby (1962), Chip Filson (1969) and Andrew Nussbaum (1984) have brought us within touching distance of a fourth scholarship.

The second thread involved continued support for the Choral Foundation and Library. The Reed Foundation (Reed Rubin [1957]) enabled the College Choir to undertake a tour of the USA in 2016, and David Harvey (1957) made a generous £50,000 gift to fund the digitisation of the Library's copy

of Caxton's Chaucer and in support of the new Girls' Choir. We are incredibly grateful to Reed and David.

Other gifts were received from many Mertonians around the globe towards ongoing major pledges: David Hamer (1974), Peter Bogaert (1982), Hilary Evenett (1982), Matthew Tobin (1991) and Ben Perry (1992) continued their support for the College's Law Fellowship; Bob Maguire (1977) and Robin Forrest (1991) continued their support for the Extension and Renovation of the College Boathouse; and John Mills (1958), Richard Allan (1959), Jim Doty (1962), Jim Buckee (1968), Scirard Lancelyn-Green (1968), Tim Morrison (1972), John Augustine (1980), John Mitnick (1984), Tom Willett (1984), Mustafa Abbas (1990), Chin-Yin Tseng (2008) and Anselmo Reyes (Friend) have all continued to support a plethora of different causes.

Thank you to all of our benefactors over the past year. Your philanthropy will have a lasting impact on Merton.

Christine Taylor
Fellow and Director of Development

Peter O'Connor
Senior Development Executive

THANK YOU

In 2015-16 Merton College received gifts from 1,104 Mertonians and friends, of whom 25 wish to remain anonymous. We 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 2015-16 financial year, whether directly to the College or to the Merton College Charitable Corporation (MC3).

If your donation was made after 31 July 2016, 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 Committee, which was formed in July 2012, presents its report to the College's benefactors for the fiscal year to 31 July 2016. 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 which 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 ended 31 July 2016.

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

New members since 1 August 2015 are highlighted in blue.

CHANCELLOR'S COURT OF **BENEFACTORS**

(£15 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 (WF) (1987) Mr D F K 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) Dr J P Moussouris (WF) (1971)

Professor A T Reyes Sir Howard Stringer (HF) (1961)

VICE-CHANCELLORS CIRCLE

(£250,00+ 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)

Professor Sir Antony Hoare (HF) (1952) and Lady Hoare

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 (BF) (1965)

and two anonymous members

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.

Established in 2011, Wyliot Fellows, the Warden's Court of Benefactors, Ela of Warwick Benefactors, Clare Benefactors and Rochester Benefactors are classed as lifetime benefactors. In the fiscal year 2015-16, a new benefactor category, Peter of Abingdon Benefactors, was created.

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 (HF) Sir Howard Stringer (HF) (1961)

BODLEY FELLOWS

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

Dr D R Harvey (BF) (1957)

WYLIOT FELLOWS

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

Mr J D S Booth (WF) (1976) Dr P J Braam (WF) (1987) Mr C G R Manby (WF) (1976) Dr J P Moussouris (WF) (1971)

WARDEN'S COURT OF BENEFACTORS

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

The Reed Foundation (represented by Mr R Rubin (BF) [1957])
The Taylor Family Foundation (represented by Mr I R Taylor [1975])

PETER OF ABINGDON BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £250,000+ SINCE LAUGUST 2007)

The A. G. Leventis Foundation
Mr R R J Burns (1964)
Mr D F K Finlay CMG OBE (HF) (1962)
Mrs C E Holmes à Court-Mather (Holmes à Court) (1991)
Mr H Y Scott-Barrett (1977)
Mr D G Ure (BF) (1965)
Mr G H Weston (HF) (1978)

Mr G H Weston (HF) (1978) and two anonymous Peter of Abingdon Benefactors

ELA OF WARWICK BENEFACTORS

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

Mr R B Allan (BF) (1959)
Dr J W Buckee (1968)
Mr T A R Curran (1965)
Mrs H J Evenett (Birks) (1982)
The Greendale Foundation
Sir Gerry Grimstone (HF) (1968)
Mr W R Hall (1954)
Mr J J Kirby Jr (1962)
Mr S R Lancelyn Green (1968)
Mr R G McKelvey (BF) (1959)
Mr J A D Mills FRSA (1958)
The Norfolk Foundation
Mr A Robertson (1988)
Mr D M Rocke (1987)
Dr C Tseng (2008)

Mr R Venables QC (1966)

and three anonymous Ela of Warwick

Mr G T Willett (1986)

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) Mr D I W Hamer (1974) Dr J Hatzius (1992) Professor Sir Antony Hoare (HF) (1952) Ms L Lee (1993) Mr M G McCaffery (1975) Dr P F Palmer MBE (1968) Mr B C Perry (1992) Professor A T Reyes Mr E I Selig (1956) Mr M J Tobin (1991) Mr T Wannamethee (1981) and two anonymous Clare Benefactors

ROCHESTER BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £25,000+ SINCE I 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 Dr J H Augustine (1984) Mr P W L Bogaert (1982) Mr J S Bowling (1994) 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 R D Forrest (1989) Mr P M Hay (1963) Dr J R L Highfield (EF) (1948) Mrs P M Howells (Hopkins) (1989) Mr P W Long (1995) Mr S L Morgan (1968) Mr P J Parsons (1958) 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 eight anonymous Rochester Benefactors

(W) Warden
(F) Fellow
(HF) Honorary Fellow
(EF) Emeritus Fellow
(BF) Bodley Fellow
(SF) Supernumerary Fellow

(L) Lecturer
(JRF) Junior Research Fellow
(VRF) Visiting Research Fellow
(ExF) Former Fellow
(ExL) Former Lecturer
(ExJ) Former Junior Research Fellow

(ExV) Former Visiting Research Fellow
(WF) Wyliot Fellow
(name) previous name
*deceased

1264 Society

Loyal donor (has given continuously for 5 years)

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 2016. All new Patrons from the period 1 August 2015 – 31 July 2016 are highlighted in blue.

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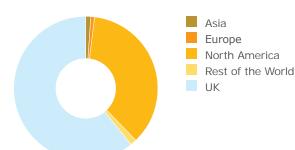
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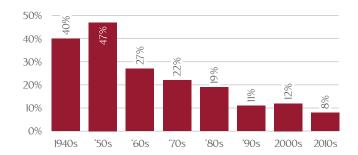
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"I have received the Merton Graduate Research Grant for three separate research trips, during which I have been conducting mammal, plant and biogeochemical surveys and sampling. Using aerial photography, I am able to characterise land cover heterogeneity and erosion to determine the relative importance of natural and anthropogenic drivers of ecosystem processes. I am deeply grateful for Merton's continuing support."

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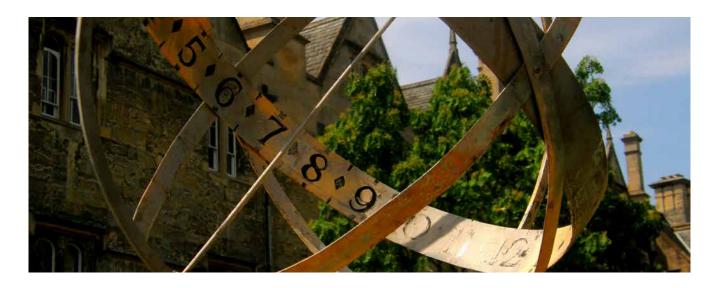
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"Highlights of the woodcuts included the Tokyo display of Hokusai's 'Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji'. It was marvellous to see, as the popular face of the movement to the Western world, but also as a reminder of the cultural and artistic significance of Mount Fuji, as became clear on the rest of my travels. These included visiting American Allen West in his studio, to see his interpretations of the synthesis of Western and Japanese art. During a visit to the base of Mount Fuji, I visited the private gallery of Itchiku Kubota, the textile artist, and the first living (1917–2003) artist to have an exhibition at the Smithsonian. The painstaking and time-consuming technique he employed in the making of his outstanding pieces was both representative of the Japanese attitude to diligence, and a contrast with the country that is synonymous with mass production of consumer electronics.

"I enjoyed my visit to Japan more than I can express, and am grateful to Sir Gerry Grimstone for allowing me to begin a relationship with one of my favourite countries and its art."

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