



DONOR REPORT

2016-17



MERTON
COLLEGE
OXFORD



"I would like to express my sincerest thanks for your indispensable support towards the undergraduates here at Merton. Our members have the great privilege, through College, to learn from the pinnacle of academic teaching, to enjoy our brilliant facilities and to revel in all the opportunities available to us. It is no doubt through the valued donations from kind and generous Mertonians that we are able to experience a university life as rich and as rewarding as we do. Through your support, our undergraduates have been around the globe and across the continents. They have been able, through Merton's numerous and esteemed grants, to travel and to experience, to paint and to play, to live and to learn. Maybe most importantly, with ever-climbing tuition fees, higher education becomes ever more inaccessible to the most excellent young adults of our age. You have provided over a quarter of the undergraduate body with financial support, enabling Merton to continue the old tradition of admitting, above all else, talent. Aided by your generosity, the College continues to be one of the greatest in the world: one that is distinctly Merton."

Jules Desai (2016, MPhysPhil Physics and Philosophy)
JCR President

"On behalf of the MCR, I would like to express our deep gratitude for your support of graduate life at Merton. With research funding ever scarcer relative to growing interest in graduate education globally, Merton's scholarships and travel grants stand out in their generosity and plentifulness. Concentrated investment in the graduate experience, a key initiative of College over the past few years, has continued to encourage the top students and researchers to join our vibrant community. Merton's MCR is without a doubt among the very best in Oxford, blessed and distinguished by a juxtaposition of old and new: we are equally grateful to donors for helping to preserve our 13th-century MCR, and providing modern academic and athletic facilities such as the TS Eliot Theatre, Sports Pavilion and Boathouse. It has been a true honour to meet some of you over the past months, both in and outside College. Thank you for the example you set for graduates down the road, and for carrying on Merton's reputation for excellence into every facet of alumni life."

Lily McElwee (2016, DPhil Area Studies (China))
MCR President

THANK YOU FROM THE WARDEN



2016-17 FUNDS RAISED AT A GLANCE

Major Gifts*	£629,328
Annual Fund*	£572,325
Legacies	£101,432
Total	£1,202,085
Participation Rate	17.2%

* excluding legacies

As I look at what we have achieved in 2016-17, I find myself immensely optimistic for all that is to come. A matched-funding challenge grant of £150,000 was unlocked by over 50 Mertonians who participated as donors in the appeal to endow the second of our Tutorial Fellowships in Law. We are indebted to everyone who supported this important Fellowship, ensuring that our high reputation for teaching Law will be safeguarded for years to come. Similarly, we successfully completed our Boathouse appeal, raising £261,000 for the extension and renovation of the building itself and enough for the Boat Club to purchase two new shells in due course. In addition to these appeals we were able to complete work on the lift to the Hall to provide access for the disabled and establish five new state-of-the-art music rooms in the basement of St Alban's Quad. These proved to be substantial achievements reflecting years of effort in fundraising, planning and realisation. Provisions such as these should help us to continue to excel academically, to secure victories on the river, and to provide a nurturing environment for the performing arts for years to come.

But of course, the year was not without sad news, most notably in the loss of both Dr Roger Highfield and Professor Michael Baker from the Fellowship. We are aiming to honour their individual memories by raising funds for a Graduate Scholarship in History and a Tutorial Fellowship in Physics respectively, both of which appeals will number among our main fundraising goals in the coming years.

Significant changes in staffing in the Development Office have enabled Dr Duncan Barker personally to choose his team to work on the future direction of the development and alumni relations programme. It is marvellous that, notwithstanding such transitions, the team has managed to uphold the level of incoming funds for the College. So, although the most observant will notice a fall in funds raised during 2016-17, there is light seeping through in the form of even more promising pledges for those causes which make Merton the outstanding community that it is.

As this is the last time that I will write a thank you to Mertonians in the *Donor Report* before my retirement, I hope I might be forgiven for writing about some of the wonderful things that have already happened during my final year with the College. A most generous gift from Cheyney and Sandy Ryan, in honour of Chaplain Simon Jones, Lady Taylor and myself, means that we will soon install recording equipment in the Chapel so that we can stream our services and performances. In my eight years as Warden, I have always seen it as a source of great regret that such beautiful services disappear into the ether, particularly since so many of us have been profoundly moved by the services in Chapel. In fact, as part of my recent trip to Asia in January 2018, I met with Hih Naruhito, Crown Prince of Japan, who confided just how beautiful he found the College Choir to be on their musical CDs. Consequently, this gift will have a distinctly far-reaching impact, meaning that no matter where you are in the world, you will be able to engage with and be part of our Chapel Services and their glorious music.

And so, as I bid farewell to this College that has been my home for the last eight years, I am delighted to entrust the Wardenship to Professor Steven Gunn (1979) who is a most admirably suited choice to act as Warden for the 2018-19 academic year. Steve is actively involved in the London Development Board and has his finger on the pulse of our alumni. Things have a habit of coming full circle and it is fitting that Steve, who was my first Sub-Warden, will temporarily step in and also see out my departure.

Sir Martin Taylor FRS

COLLEGE FINANCES



Total income was £13.4 million for the year 2016-17. Income from all sources fell by £0.1 million on the previous year as income received from legacies and donations declined slightly, as did income from conferences. Total expenditure at Merton in 2016-17 was £13.8 million, an increase of £0.8 million on the previous year. At the end of the financial year 2016-17, the College reported a surplus of £0.6 million on its unrestricted funds and an overall deficit of £0.4 million when restricted and endowment funds were included. The generosity of donors remained an important element in achieving these results.

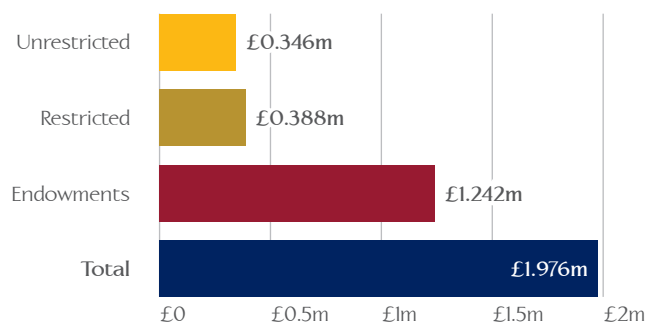
Merton received £2.0 million in donations from alumni and friends of the College as well as from trusts and foundations in the 2016-17 financial year. Of this total, £1.2 million was donated towards endowments. Our donors continued to support the College on a number of fronts, particularly Undergraduate 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 Telethon campaigns made important contributions once more.

The College's endowment grew by £14.8 million in the year 2016-17. In the five years to 2016-17, the endowment has increased by £75.7 million. Merton continued to enjoy good investment returns over the year with a return of 8.5% for 2016-17. Returns to the College's equity portfolio were in line with markets over the period at 17.7%, and the College's private equity investments provided solid return for the year too. The College's investments in property continued to produce good income, with capital values increasing only marginally in the year.

Charles Alexander
Finance Bursar

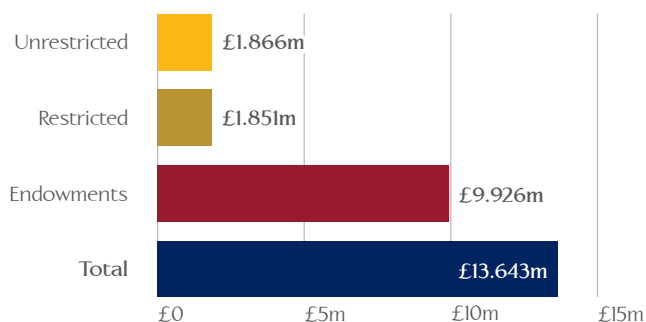
LEGACIES & DONATIONS RECEIVED

August 2016 – July 2017



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August 2012 – July 2017

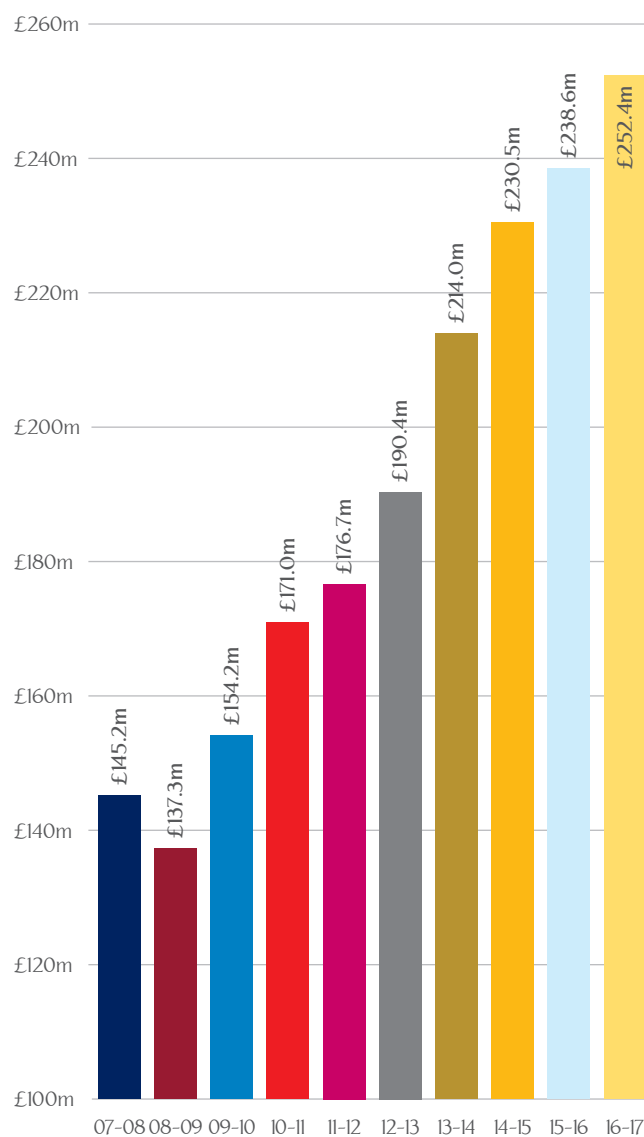


INCOME/EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	August 2015 - July 2016	August 2016 - July 2017
	£000s	£000s
INCOME		
Fees and grants	2,244	2,204
Residential income	2,517	2,527
Endowment return applied to income	6,235	6,622
Legacies and donations (for unrestricted funds only)	267	346
Trading income	920	680
TOTAL	12,183	12,379
EXPENDITURE		
Tuition and research staff	2,355	2,565
Residential staff	2,839	3,092
Other tuition and research	1,423	1,570
Other residential	2,797	2,817
Support costs	1,926	1,965
Fundraising	593	597
Other	248	223
Provided by restricted funds	(1,053)	(1,080)
TOTAL	11,128	11,749
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,055	630

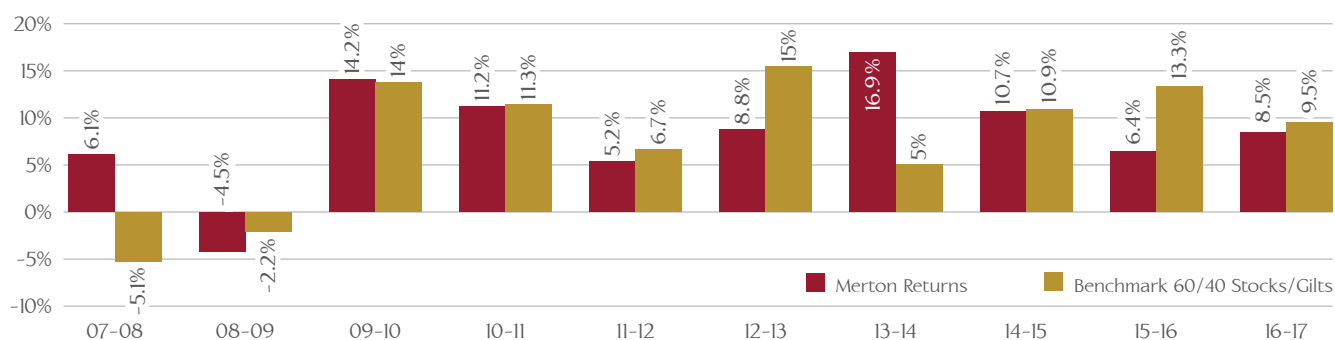
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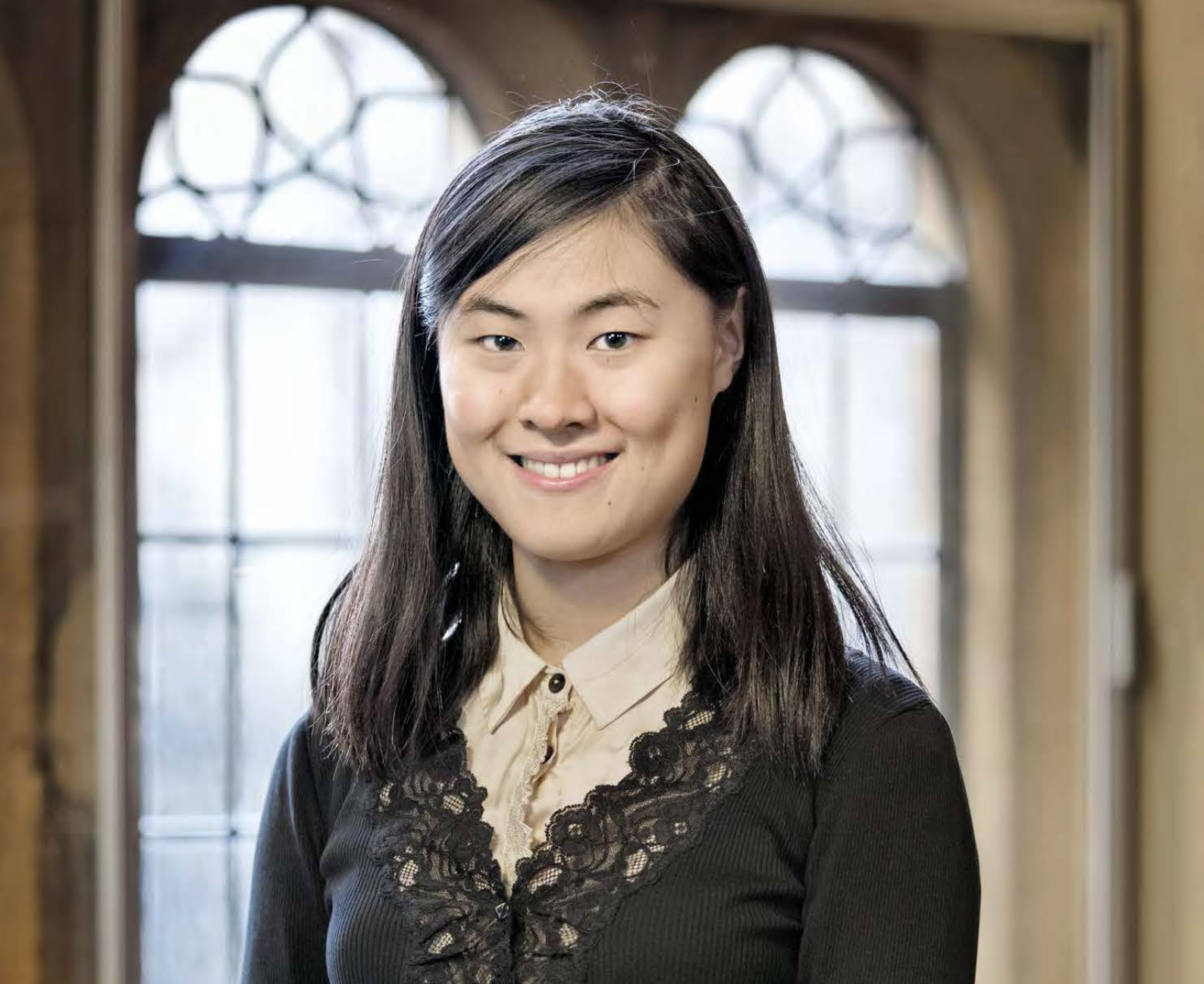
August 2007 – July 2017



INVESTMENT RETURNS

August 2007 – July 2017





UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT

"It is a huge privilege to have visited a tropical rainforest, one of the most valuable and species-rich ecosystems on the planet, as part of my Biological Sciences undergraduate degree.

Spending 11 nights at Danum Valley Field Centre in the depths of the Bornean rainforest, we were introduced to field techniques like mist netting for birds and moth trapping, and to tropical tree ecology. The next part of the stay was spent doing group 'mini-projects' of our own as an introduction to practical field research. For me, this involved several early mornings inspecting pitfall traps and afternoons assessing the invertebrate biodiversity we managed to collect.

During night outings I saw Malay civets, deer and bearded pigs, as well as invertebrates such as giant forest ants and stick insects. The red leaf monkeys directly outside the Resthouse during breakfast were a highlight, as was the orangutan mother and baby we saw while moth trapping.

It was a very sobering experience to see first-hand the changes that industries like palm oil and logging have had in the past decades on the forest structure. Conservation efforts are increasingly important to slow the extinction rates of rare tropical species, so it was enlightening to see what is being done.

I am hugely grateful to Merton College's Travel Grant which contributed £1,000 towards flights and course fees, which I could not have afforded otherwise. My trip was a fantastic real-world learning experience and I would strongly encourage future Biology students to participate on the trip."

Kai Lin Sun (2015, BA Biological Sciences)
Recipient of an Undergraduate Research Grant

2016-17: A YEAR OF CHANGE



A year in the life of Merton can encompass many changes and this has very much been the case in the life of the Development Office during 2016-17. We bid fond and sad farewells to both Christine Taylor and Helen Kingsley, whose dedication and hard work as Development Director and Alumni Relations Manager respectively over in excess of 25 years set in place the Development and Alumni Relations Programme that we see today. At the same time, we welcomed three new members of the team, including myself as Development Director, Chelsea Chisholm as Alumni Relations Officer and Claire Spence-Parsons as Alumni Communications Officer. Even as I write, early in 2018, further changes are taking place and I hope that the near future will see the team fully settled and getting to know Mertonians through our work on your behalf.

Having joined Merton halfway through the 2016-17 academic year, I am immensely grateful for the way in which colleagues took the time to introduce me to the College and the worldwide community of alumni. I was immediately struck by the deep commitment and generosity of Mertonians to the College and have greatly enjoyed meeting many individuals and groups in my first year. It has been incredibly heartening to see that alumni have maintained their philanthropic support of the College in this period of transition and continue to make gifts that will create new opportunities for current students during their time with us. Indeed, I am delighted to record that over 1,124 individual Mertonians made a gift in support of the College and we received over £1.2 million in donations within the year.



Philanthropic highlights included the completion of the appeal to endow a further Tutorial Fellowship in Law, thanks to the generosity of two major benefactors and many others who rose to the challenge of a matched gift to finish this appeal. We are grateful to Jim Buckee (1968), Hugh Scott-Barrett (1977), Tira Wannamethee (1981) and others for their new and continued support of 'pay-as-you-go' graduate scholarships on an annual basis. Furthermore, we reached the target of £2.57 million for Undergraduate Student Support set during the 750th Anniversary Campaign in late 2016 with an extremely generous gift from Richard Burns (1964). The Sir Gerry Grimstone Travel Awards continue to enable our students to broaden their horizons with trips abroad and we are grateful to Sir Gerry (1968) for his continued support. Indeed, the Warden and my predecessor visited Mertonians in China, Hong Kong and Singapore and we continue to work hard to deepen the College's ties with alumni in the region. We are absolutely delighted that the Creat Group based in Beijing, which already supports graduate scholars at Oxford, chose to associate two of these

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awards with Merton. Our fundraising priorities for the year ahead will remain focused on strengthening the tutorial system and securing further graduate scholarships, both of which areas were identified by the Governing Body following the 750th Anniversary Campaign as key to Merton's future academic strategy.

There was also great strength and power in the collective giving of Mertonians, where numerous regular and one-off donations of different sizes combined to make a huge difference to the College's activities. Our target of £250,000 to cover the costs of the Boat House Extension and new shells for the men's and women's first eights was reached with the help of the MC3 annual appeal and the generosity of our North American alumni, including David Harvey (1957) and Mike McCaffery (1975). Many Mertonians also gave their support under the umbrella of the Merton Fund, through our direct mail appeal in Michaelmas, our Giving Tuesday digital appeal in November 2016 and our annual telethon in March 2017. The telethon alone raised £137,743 and took our overall total to £572,325 for the year. We also received a most generous gift from the estate of the late Bob Lowrie (1955), which will be used to support a Choral Scholarship in the Chapel, in memory of his own singing activities there many years ago. In this context, it is wonderful to see that many more Mertonians over the past year have chosen to plan transformative gifts in their Wills to benefit the College in the future and have elected to become members of the growing Founder's Society.

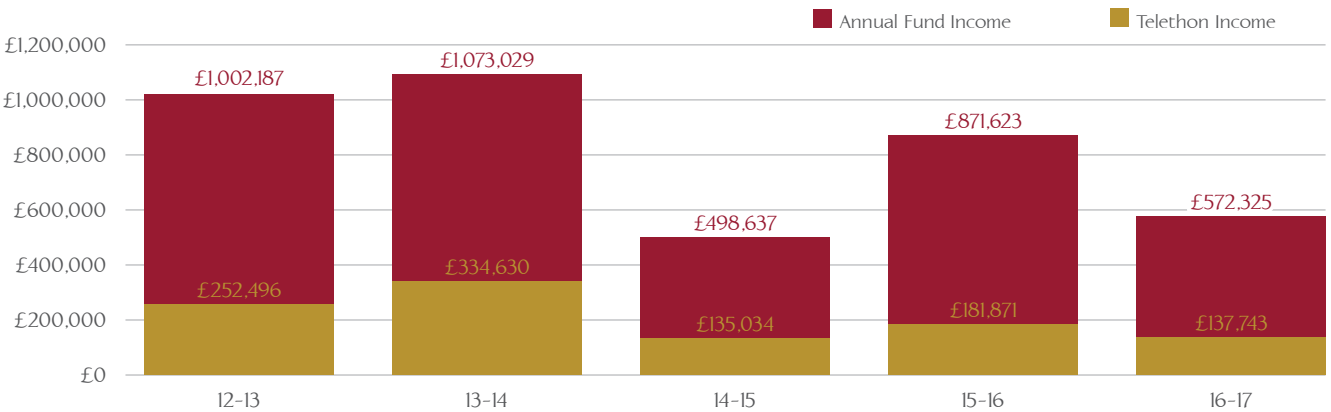
On behalf of the Warden, Fellows and students of Merton, I would like to state my sincere thanks for your generous and continued support of the College and its activities. It is only with your ongoing support that we are able to make a real difference to the members of the College community by creating opportunities for them to flourish during their time with us. I hope that you will continue to participate actively in College life: by attending events, as volunteers and as supporters at all levels.

Dr Duncan Barker
Fellow and Development Director

THE MERTON FUND

ANNUAL FUND AND TELETHON INCOME

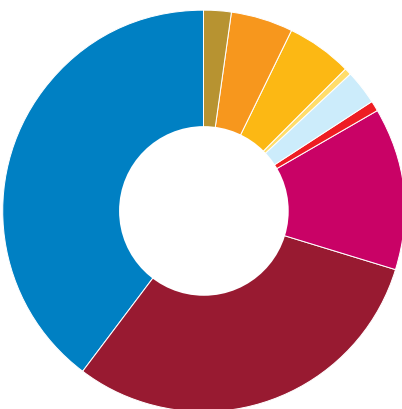
August 2012 – July 2017



FUNDS RAISED FOR COLLEGE PRIORITIES

August 2016 – July 2017

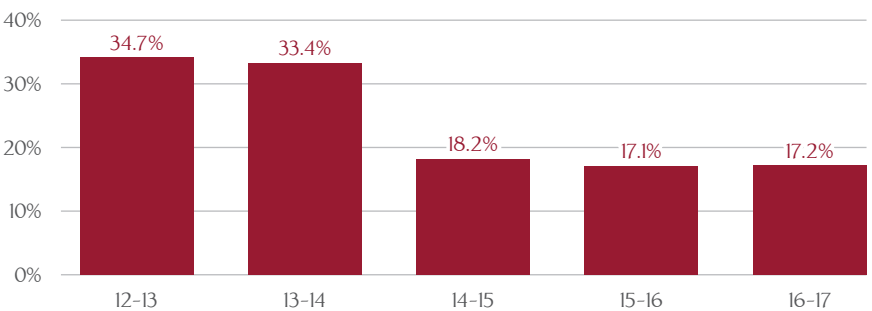
(Annual Fund gifts, i.e. excluding gifts over £25,000)



- Chapel and Choral Foundation (2%)
- Extending the Boathouse (5%)
- Graduate Scholarships (9%)
- Library (<1%)
- Merton's Reach Scholarship (3%)
- Other (<1%)
- Overall Student Support (13%)
- Tutorial System & Fellowships (29%)
- Unrestricted (38%)

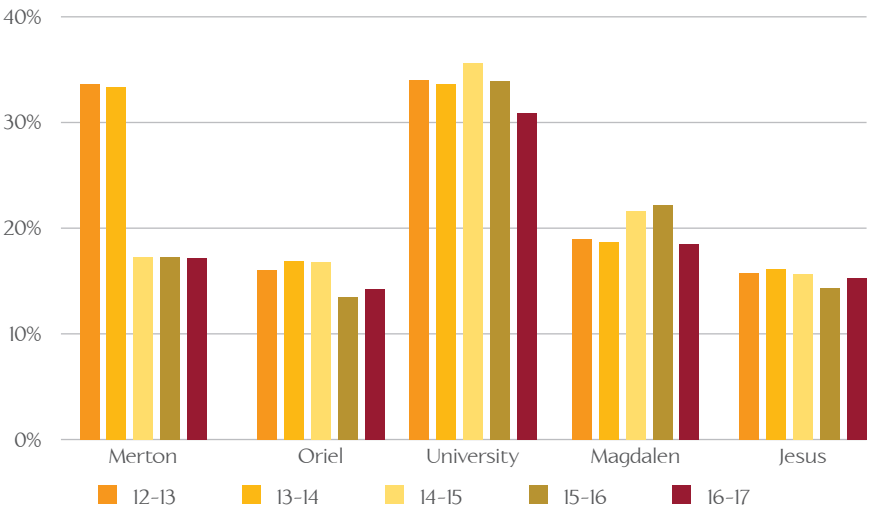
PARTICIPATION RATE

August 2012 – July 2017



PARTICIPATION BY COLLEGE

August 2012 – July 2017





GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

"My work focuses on understanding how some genetic mutations lead to diseases such as cerebral palsy, intellectual disability and cerebellar ataxias. Using CRISPR gene editing, my goal is to generate human neuronal cell models of neurodevelopmental disorders for disease research and drug testing.

I am currently working on developing a scalable method of genome editing that rapidly and inexpensively generates human stem cell models of genetic diseases. This approach has the potential to expedite neurological research and drug development. It could also be used to develop personalised therapies for patients with cancer or certain inherited blood diseases.

Coming from Brazil, a developing country in financial crisis, securing a scholarship was my only option for pursuing postgraduate studies at Oxford. Due to your generous support and the Clarendon Fund, I can be fully committed to my project while still enjoying student life in Oxford without the worries of financial uncertainty. I would like to thank all donors who help shape Merton's vibrant and stimulating community and make my studies possible."

Ricardo Parolin Schnekenberg (2016, DPhil Neuroscience)
Merton-Clarendon Graduate Scholar

THANK YOU

In 2016-17 Merton College received gifts from 1,124 Mertonians and Friends, of whom 49 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 gift during the 2016-17 financial year, whether directly to the College or to the Merton College Charitable Corporation (MC3).

If your donation was made after 31 July 2017, 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

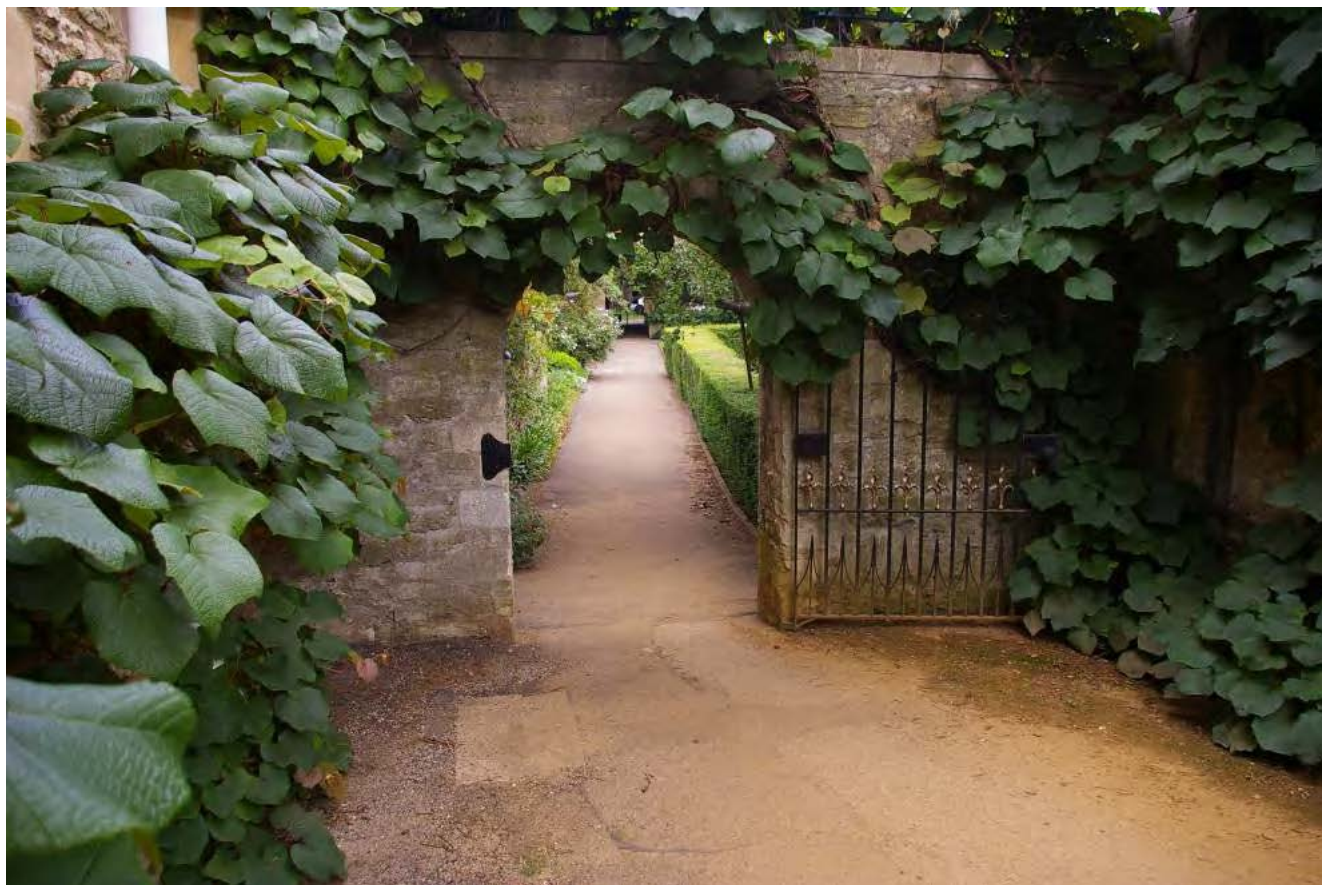
The Committee, which was formed in July 2012, presents its report to the College's benefactors for the fiscal year to 31 July 2017. The Committee comprises Richard Allan (1959) (Chair), Ian McVeigh (1976), Tim Morrison (1972) and William Watson (1980). Meetings are attended by the Finance Bursar and the Development Director.

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 Development Director, 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 2017.

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 2016 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 (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-CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE

(£250,000+ TO THE UNIVERSITY*)

Mr & 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 the exceptionally generous lifelong giving and legacies of Mertonians and Friends in the following benefaction levels, 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. A further benefactor category, Peter of Abingdon Benefactors, was created in the fiscal year 2015-16.

All new benefactors, or those who have moved up levels since the last *Donor Report*, are highlighted in blue. Please note the list now incorporates historical giving prior to 2007.

HONORARY FELLOWS

(HAVE DONATED £1,000,000+)

Mr J Blackwell
Mr D F K Finlay CMG, OBE (1962)
Sir Howard Stringer (1961)

BODLEY FELLOW

(HAS DONATED £1,000,000+)

Dr D R Harvey (1957)

WYLIOT FELLOWS

(HAVE DONATED £1,000,000+)

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

WARDEN'S COURT OF BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £500,000+)

The Reed Foundation (Represented by Mr R Rubin (BF) [1957])
The Taylor Family foundation (represented by Mr I R Taylor [1975])
Mr R B Allan (BF) (1959)
Mr R J Burns (1964)
Sir Joseph Hotung

PETER OF ABINGDON BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £250,000+)

The A. G. Leventis Foundation
Dr J W Buckee (1968)
Mr M McCaffery (1975)
Mrs C E Holmes à Court-Mather (Holmes à Court) (1991)
The Norfolk Foundation
Mr H Y Scott-Barrett (1977)
Mr R G McKelvey (BF) (1959)
Mr D G Ure (BF) (1965)
Mr G H Weston (HF) (1978)
and three anonymous Peter of Abingdon Benefactors

ELA OF WARWICK BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £100,000+)

The Garfield Weston Foundation
The Greendale Foundation
The Ripplewood Foundation
Mr T A R Curran (1965)
Mrs H J Evenett (Birks) (1982)
Mr C W Filson (1966)
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 J A D Mills FRSA (1958)
Dr P F Palmer MBE (1968)
Mr A Robertson (1988)
Mr D M Rocke (1987)
Mr M J Tobin (1991)
Dr C Tseng (2008)
Mr R Venables QC (1966)
Mr G T Willett (1986)
and three anonymous Ela of Warwick Benefactors

CLARE BENEFACTORS

(HAVE DONATED £50,000+)

Professor R D Adams (1962)
Mr J A de Pourtales (1984)
Mr M B Dearden (1961)
Mr J R Doty (1962)
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)
Mr F T Keefe (1969)
Dr L Lee (1993)
Mr B C Perry (1992)
Mr L A Rabinowitz QC (1983)
Mr E I Selig (1956)
Mr T Wannamethee (1981)
and three anonymous Clare Benefactors

ROCHESTER BENEFACTORS

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

Mr M S M M Abbas (1990)
Mr N W Allard (1974)
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)
Professor P P Feeny (ExV) (1957)
Mr R D Forrest (1989)
Mr P M Hay (1963)
Mrs P M Howells (Hopkins) (1989)
Mr P W Long (1995)
Mr J M Mitnick (1985)
Mr S L Morgan (1968)
Mr P J Parsons (1958)
Mr A R Polley (1998)
Mr J D C Seymour (1983)
Mr D Stockton
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 nine anonymous Rochester Benefactors

(W) Warden
(ExF) Former Fellow
(F) Fellow
(ExL) Former Lecturer
(HF) Honorary Fellow
(ExJ) Former Junior Research Fellow
(EF) Emeritus Fellow

(ExV) Former Visiting Research Fellow
(BF) Bodley Fellow
(WF) Wyliot Fellow
(SF) Supernumerary Fellow
[name] previous name
(L) Lecturer
*deceased

(JRF) Junior Research Fellow
(VRF) Visiting Research Fellow
1264 Society
Loyal donor (has given continuously for 5 years)
Friend of the Choir

PATRONS



Patrons have been nominated by Merton to recognise the College's gratitude to the generous donors who have given £10,000 or more.

The following list recognises all donations received as of 31 July 2017. All new Patrons from the period 1 August 2016 – 31 July 2017 are highlighted in blue.

The Hon Mr Justice Sir Baker (1983)
 Mrs P J Baker (Ghaut) (1983)
 Mr D J Barker (1965)
 Mr J A L Barr (1979)
 Mr M C Below (1981)
 Professor J J Binney (F)
 Mr T J F Bishop (1979)
 Mr A J Bott OBE FSA (BF) (1953)
 Mr K S Burton (1962)
 Dr H J Bush CB (1971)
 Mr B J Carne (1987)
 Mr N Carter (1966)
 Mr A Chakraverty (1986)
 Mr J C S Chenevix-Trench (1980)
 Mr W P Cooke CBE (HF) (1952)
 Dr G M Copland CBE (1960)
 Mr J G Crick (1967)
 Mr N B B Davie-Thornhill (1955)
 Mr F M Dillingham (1983)
 Mr D A Douglas (1976)
 Dr M S Dunnill (EF)
 Fra' J S C Eidinow (F) (1986)
 The Revd Dr N Fisher (ExV)
 Mr R C French (1966)
 Dr P Gifford (BF) (1951)
 Dr L Goldstein (ExV)
 Mr J R B Gould (1959)
 Mr R C Hain (1976)

Mr G N Hall (1978)
 Mr A H Haywood (1985)
 Mr M A Hewett (1988)
 Mr J W J Hughes-Hallett CMG (HF) (1968)
 Sir Jeremy Isaacs (HF) (1951)
 Mr J D G Isherwood CMG (1956)
 Sir Michael Jenkins Kt OBE (1953)
 Mr S D Jones (1971)
 The Revd Canon Dr S M Jones (F)
 Mr F T Keefe (1969)
 Mr R S Kent (1974)
 Mr J K Kightley (1975)
 Mr T J Kuschill (1989)
 Dr A D H Lakhani (1972)
 Mr T T Landau QC (1987)
 The Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson (HF) (1967)
 Mr L Lewis (1946)
 Mr D W Lund (1972)
 Mr D J Marsh
 Mr P E Masini (1983)
 Mr A C Millns (1969)
 Mr D M Morley (1990)
 Mr T D R Morrison (1972)
 Dr S J Orebi Gann (1968)
 Mr D C Owen QC (1976)
 Mr H C E Paget (1965)
 Mr P S Phillips (BF)
 Mr S F B Pickett (1972)

Mr S D Powell (1968)
 Professor M J Prather (1969)
 Mr N K G Prescott (1981)
 Sir Peter Reynolds
 The Revd A J Rhodes (1946)
 Mr P J Richmond (1967)
 Mr P Roberts (1996)
 Dr D W Rogers (1964)
 Mr J L G Saint-Germain (1957)
 Dr D J O Schaffer (1986)
 Professor Sir Peter Scott (1964)
 Sir Robert Scott (1963)
 Mr C S K Scudder (1971)
 Mr T J Seth (1983)
 Mr A J Shartsis (1967)
 Mr R D A Sich (1958)
 Mr R J Simms (1958)
 Mr P H Smith (1977)
 Mr G G Stevens (1968)
 Professor Y L Tan (1978)
 Mr A Taylor (1968)
 Ms J C H Taylor (EF)
 Mr S P Thomas (1979)
 Mr J F H Trott (1958)
 Mr S Wishia
 Lord Wright of Richmond GCMG (HF) (1951)
 Mr C A Wynn-Evans (1989)
 and 19 anonymous Patrons

WARDEN AND FELLOWS

The College would also like to thank and acknowledge the following Fellows who have donated to Merton during the period 1 August 2016 – 31 July 2017.

Professor Sir Martin Taylor FRS (W) 🏵
Mr R B Allan (BF) (1959) 🏵
Professor J P Armitage (F) 🏵
Professor J M Baker (EF)* 🏵
Dr D J Barker (F) 🏵
Professor A J Barr (F) 🏵
Professor C R Beitz (ExV)
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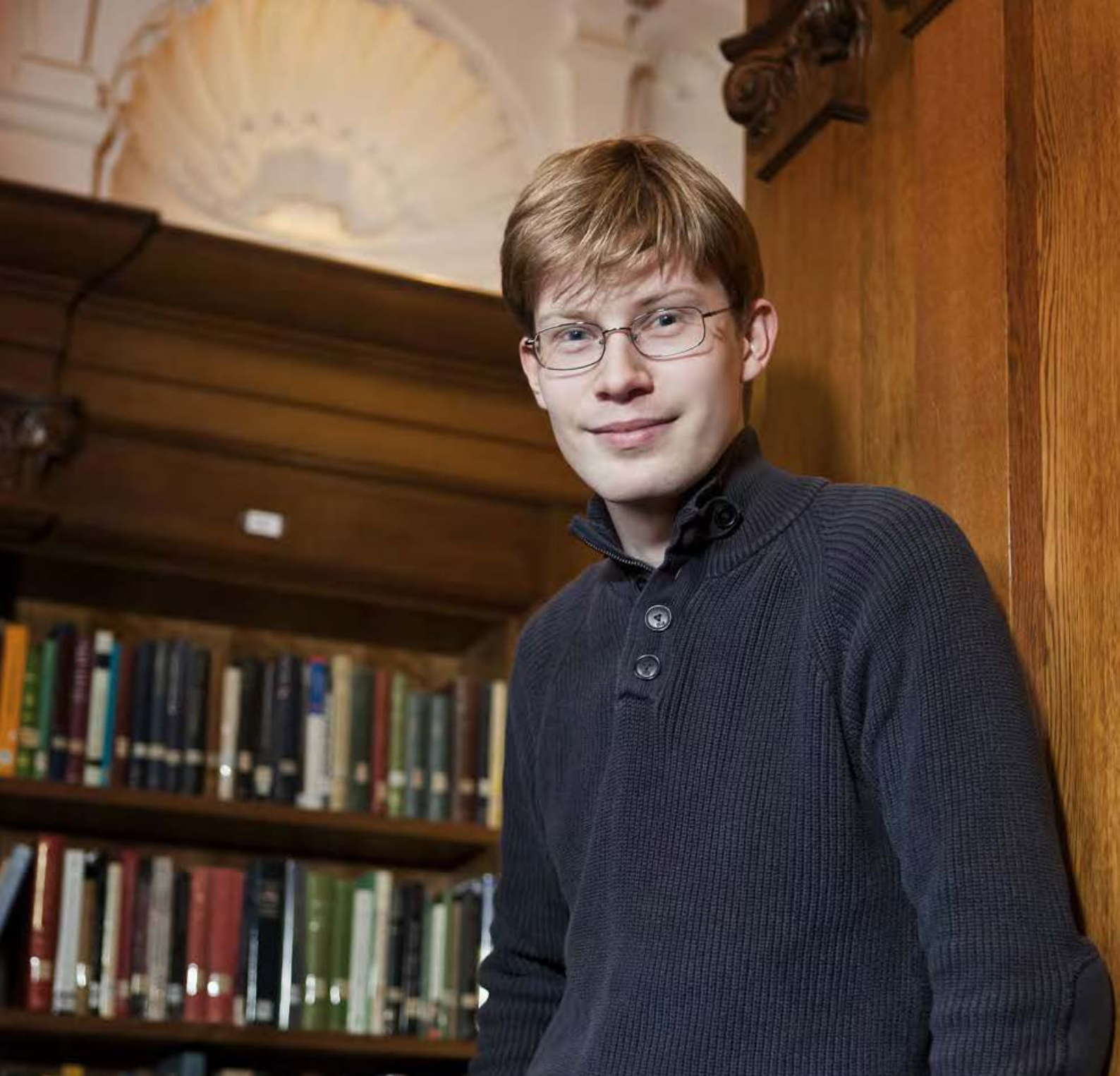
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My ability to stay at Oxford to pursue my doctorate has been made possible through the Oxford-Merton Christopher Duggan Graduate Scholarship. This scholarship gives me financial security, without which I would not have been able to continue my studies at the university. For this, I am extremely grateful to the generosity of Christopher Duggan's friends and family in creating and supporting this award, and for all the opportunities that it brings with it."

Alexander Peplow (2013, DPhil History)

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"Investing in knowledge is a good investment for the future"

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Top: Dr Matthew Grimley (1989)
and Dr Kate Orkin

Above: Professor EJ Milner-Gulland
(New College, 1985)

The Tutorial System is the lifeblood of Oxford and at the heart of Merton's academic excellence. It is not, however, the only feature of collegiate life that enriches the student experience. Claire Spence-Parsons, Alumni Communications Officer, spoke with three Merton Fellows about how their roles have an impact on the wider College community and how philanthropy has enabled them to do this.

Merton is distinctive in having a relatively large Fellowship and one that is made up of a variety of post-holders. Fundamental to undergraduate studies are Tutorial Fellows, who combine teaching duties with research. In addition, Merton supports a significant group of early-career researchers as fixed-term Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) and is fortunate to be home to a larger than average group of Professorial Fellows, a number of whom hold statutory Chairs - these Fellows are based in their department but actively engaged with the College.

As the current Peter J Braam Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in Global Wellbeing, Dr Kate Orkin focuses on Development Economics. Kate believes that the most exciting element of her Fellowship is the independence to determine her own research agenda, something that she appreciates is sometimes difficult to do at such a junior stage in her career. "Often when you come into a postdoc there's immediate pressure to publish. This JRF gave me breathing room to think a little bigger." The Braam Fellowship enabled her to partner with the

Non-governmental organisation 'Give Directly' which disburses unconditional cash transfers in developing countries and raised \$9million from different philanthropic partners including Google. Kate is studying how a large influx of foreign aid affects all aspects of over 400 communities in Western Kenya. Having spent the first part of her Fellowship establishing the trial, the results have enabled her to plan a pipeline of papers for publication.

Professor EJ Milner-Gulland (New College, 1985) is the Tasso Leventis Professor of Biodiversity and Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Conservation Science. Thanks to her Chair based at Merton, she is able to focus her time on research, specifically in engaging the general public in conservation, and reaching out to NGO, business, and government leaders in the developing world to encourage them to become more involved with academic conservation. She too values freedom to do research. "Part of what I'm trying to do that's different is to have more outreach in the real world ... trying to bridge that gap between practice and research." For EJ and Kate, bringing the



evidence of their research back into the public discourse is a particular benefit of their posts, and both praise the University for giving them the academic freedom to work in this way.

Lastly, Dr Matthew Grimley (1989) is the Mark Reynolds Tutor in History and is employed by both the College and the History Faculty. Most recently he has been able to introduce new courses on 1970s Britain, and modern British History, using films as sources, both of which developed partly out of his own research interests. In addition to his undergraduate and graduate teaching he continues his own research directly – he is currently writing a book about religion and reconstruction in Second World War Britain – thanks to the College’s support for sabbatical leave and research trips.

The idea of ‘subject families’ is one that Merton has recently been developing and Matthew observes how important it is that undergraduates, graduates and Fellows are able to interact fully, both within single subjects and across groups of subjects. As he explains, this helps undergraduates to feel integrated and immersed in their subject, and gives them a taste of what graduate and postdoctoral study involves. Kate makes a similar point – for her, exploring Development Economics with PPE undergraduates is a particular highlight: students have been invited to sit in on research group activities, and to work in the lab during the long vac.

“It is often a field that undergraduates don’t encounter and so the exposure is a great connection for those students looking to specialise in their postgraduate degrees.” EJ feels that undergraduates most benefit from the unique opportunity to interact with applied researchers in their field. Although there is no teaching stipulation as part of her Leventis Chair, EJ opts to teach tutorials for Merton students, and brings in Biodiversity Fellows to speak with students. They provide advice to individuals on fulfilling their research promise and on the transition from biologist to conservationist, using their growing knowledge of biology to make a difference in the real world.

One of the most surprising elements of the roles of these three Fellows is the ripple effect through the life of the College of the philanthropy which has supported each of them: its impact is far greater than any single individual, even the donor, might expect. In allowing Kate the opportunity to pursue a longer-term project as a Junior Research Fellow, the lives of thousands of people in Western Kenya will be improved, and Kate is able to realise a clear research goal early on in her career. Matthew is able to bring his own research interests directly to bear on the new modern British History papers that the History Faculty has been developing. EJ’s conservation work is making a real-world difference to addressing the illegal wildlife trade

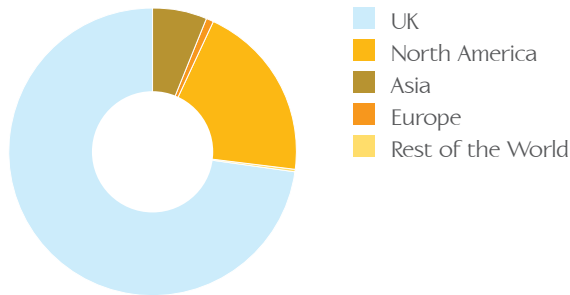
and building conservation awareness in developing countries. There is a huge benefit to each of them and on their research in being part of a wider academic community, and also a greater intellectual impact on the College and the University as a whole. Generations of students will benefit from working with academics who are able to follow their own research agendas and are actively engaged across the disciplines.

The value of philanthropy in enabling the College to provide opportunities to undergraduates, graduates and researchers cannot be underestimated. Dr Peter Braam (1987) recently noted that “a deep immersion in your truly wonderful University and College system and your respect for academic freedom can influence a person for a lifetime”. As a direct beneficiary of this academic freedom, EJ concludes, “We should be grateful to people willing to put their own funds into something that is a global good and that will make a difference; people who value knowledge, and see that investing in knowledge is a good investment for the future.”

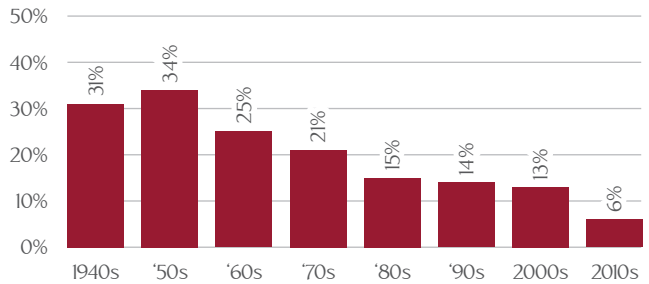
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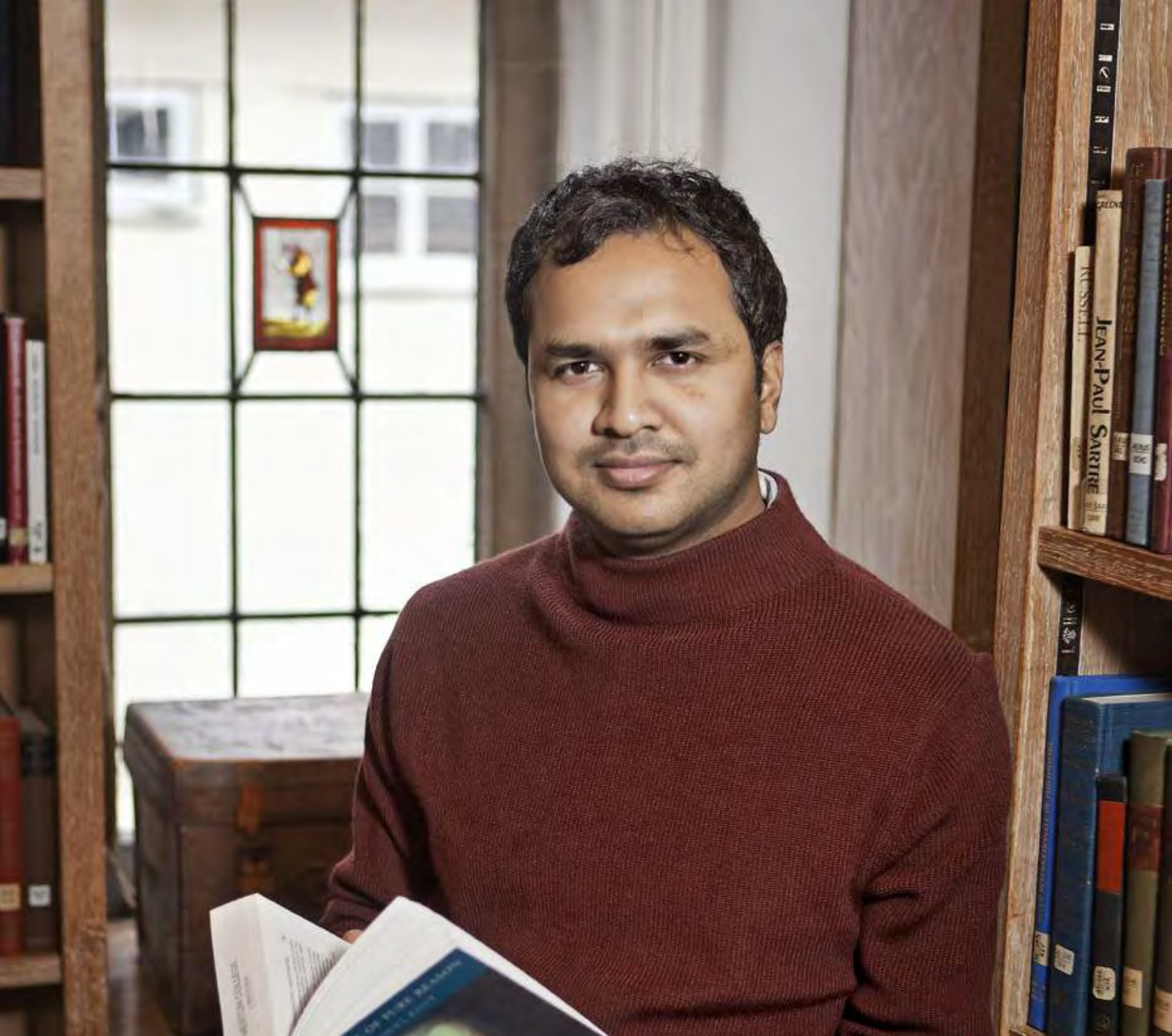
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"I am a second-year DPhil student interested in modern literature, film and critical theory, especially in the German-speaking countries, but researching across eight European languages and beyond. My DPhil thesis examines the cultural impact of Thomas Mann's modernist masterpiece, his 1924 novel *Der Zauberberg* (*The Magic Mountain*), beyond academic circles. This comparative project, supported by the Clarendon-Merton Modern Languages Scholarship, spans ten decades, ten languages and 15 countries on five continents.

With a Merton graduate research grant, I presented my research at two exciting conferences last summer: the largest British conference in the field of German studies, organised yearly by the Association for German Studies in Great Britain and Ireland, and the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association. I was awarded ACLA's Presidential Master's Prize for the best master's thesis in comparative literature, and it was great to be able to accept the award in person, all the more so as I was approached at the ceremony by the general editor of *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry* who was interested in publishing my winning essay. Its revised version, entitled 'World Literature and Literary Value: Is "Global" The New "Lowbrow?"', was published in January 2018.

As a graduate student, I feel incredibly privileged to be able to attend leading conferences in my field, not least because they can have such a tangible impact on my academic career. It's great to have the College's continuing support with this."

Karolina Watroba (2016, DPhil Medieval & Modern Languages)
Recipient of a Graduate Research Grant & Merton-Clarendon Scholar



GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

"This is to express my sincere gratitude to all the Merton College donors whose generosity made possible my journey from a small village in India to this most prestigious university in the world.

I joined the DPhil in International Development in 2014 on a full scholarship funded by Merton College. My work deals with the politics of citizenship of the survivors in the aftermath of Hindu-Muslim conflict in India, as they try to fight for their rights as citizens while living in the resettlement colonies in the state of Gujarat. My work is topical not only in the context of South Asia but also globally, as the struggle to become a full citizen defines the experiences of the majority of the underprivileged communities everywhere.

For my thesis, I have conducted a year-long anthropological fieldwork in Ahmedabad, India and attended many conferences and seminars in the UK and abroad, such as the South Asia Graduate Student Conference at the University of Chicago in 2016, the 6th Asian Network Conference in Paris and the European Association for South Asian Studies PhD workshop in Naples in 2017. I am certain that without the financial help from Merton donors, my DPhil studies would not even have begun as I come from a family with few resources. Their kindness in funding students like us only enriches our Oxford experience as postgraduate research students."

Adil Hossain (2014, DPhil International Development)
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

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

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


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THE SIR GERRY GRIMSTONE TRAVEL AWARDS

"The Sir Gerry Grimstone Travel Award allowed me to spend four weeks living and working in impoverished parts of Cape Town, Heathfield and Wynberg, providing free legal advice to clients through a pro bono legal office. I had cases in areas including property, family and immigration law, working both from a central office and a weekly legal clinic in Mitchell's Plain, a township in the south of Cape Town. I also visited Bonnytoun, a juvenile detention centre just outside the city, where I worked with other volunteers to teach inmates life skills, although I think they taught me more than I taught them.

In my free time I could explore Cape Town, learning more about its history and sampling its delights. Volunteering in the city's smallest township on Nelson Mandela Day, and visiting Robben Island, gave me some insight into the effects of apartheid on modern-day South Africa. This was nowhere near as revealing, however, as meeting and hearing the stories of clients in their seventies who had hidden anti-apartheid protestors, of a different race to themselves, in their houses when the police came knocking.

I am very thankful to Sir Gerry Grimstone for funding this opportunity, and allowing me to begin a relationship with an exceptional country. I hope to return after graduating to continue my work there."

Alice Walker (2015, BA Jurisprudence)
Sir Gerry Grimstone Travel Award recipient

THE 1264 SOCIETY



The 1264 Society recognises the most generous donors to Merton on an annual basis. It was created in 2010 and now has over 200 members, including young alumni (those under 30 or those who graduated in the last five years) and students. Collectively, members demonstrate a huge amount of support for the College from the wide community of Mertonians.

Each year we hold a special event for 1264 Society members, keep in touch with them about how their donations have made a difference to the life of the College and ensure that they have a special 1264 pin badge to recognise their support.

If you are interested in making an annual donation to join the 1264 Society please get in touch with the Development Office on +44 (0)1865 276316 or email development@merton.ox.ac.uk

1264 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: ANNUAL GIFT AMOUNTS*

	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
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* Within the College's financial year (1 August to 31 July)

THE FOUNDER'S SOCIETY

Since its foundation, Merton has benefited enormously from the generosity of Old Mertonians, Fellows and friends who have generously left gifts to the College in their Wills. The Founder's Society recognises Mertonians and friends who have planned to support Merton in this way. It is named in honour of our founder, Walter de Merton, who gave generously to enable the establishment of Merton in 1264.

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"At Merton, I made many of my friends that have stayed friends for life. The College also gave me the skills required for my career in industry. But above all, the College taught me how to think. It made me who I am today. I was fortunate enough to come to Merton on a maintained grant. Without it, I would never have been able to study here. I have made a provision for Merton in my Will so that others will be able to come to Merton, as I did. I want to keep access to the College open, so that future generations benefit as I did."

(Anonymous member of The Founder's Society)



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