

# Donors' Report

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# Foreword by the Principal



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*The Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC.*

This issue of the Donors' Report comes during my second academic year as Principal of St Hugh's College. During the last twelve months, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you from all over the world. I am very grateful to our Senior Members and friends for their continued warmth; your gifts have helped to support projects essential to the College's future. We have no doubt that membership of College lasts for life, regardless of whether you choose to donate. However, a fall in donor numbers, combined with changes to the government's funding model, means we must continue to seek your support in order to achieve our vision for the College's future.

During the last year, the College's new Dickson Poon China Centre Building has really started to take shape, and I have been watching with excitement as its construction progresses. This building project has been made possible thanks to so many generous donations, and I look forward to thanking our donors in person at the building's opening events in September 2014.

This year has also seen the completion of the Chitty-Jacobs Modern Languages Fellowship Endowment Fund, enabling us to secure a Modern Languages Fellowship at the College in perpetuity. This position and our new building are a real investment in the College's future, helping to ensure we remain a thriving academic institution, despite changes in government funding.

In 2013, we also received significant support for Student Support and the Library, as well as for new College initiatives to honour our distinguished Senior Member, Aung San Suu Kyi. Your donations have made these new ideas possible, while ensuring that our immediate priorities remain well supported.

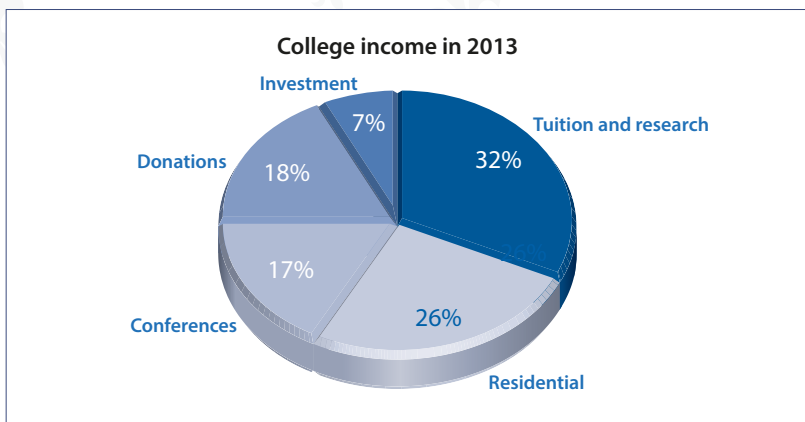
All of these projects demonstrate College's dedication to academic excellence and educational inclusivity; values which we would not be able to champion without you. As Principal, I remain committed to upholding these values, which have been at the College's heart since its foundation and I look forward to doing so during many more years in this wonderful institution. I hope we can continue to draw on the generous support that you have shown over the years, helping us to raise our participation level back to the 20% high experienced in our 125th anniversary year.

We remain truly grateful for your continued support. Thank you.

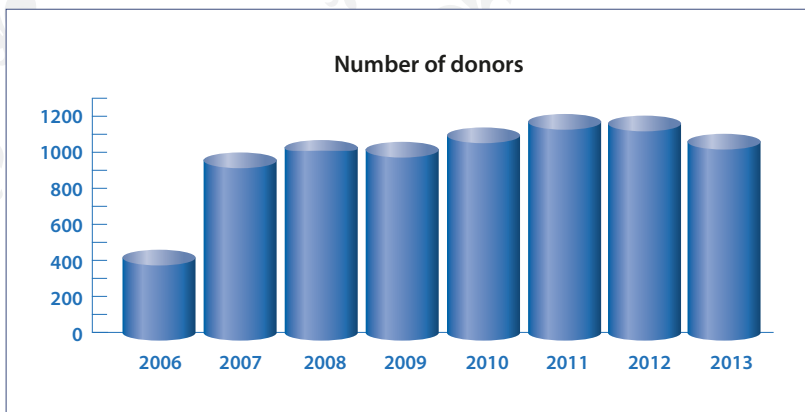
**The Right Honourable Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC**  
*Principal of St Hugh's College*

# Our financial position

St Hugh's College continues to flourish as a vibrant academic institution, in spite of the difficult global economic climate. The after-effects of the recession have had an impact on gifts to the College, with the percentage of alumni making a donation dropping to 15.8% this year. All the gifts we have received from our Senior Members and friends have been crucial to our achievements over the last twelve months. This support, combined with careful management of our endowment and increased revenue from conferences, has allowed us to continue to strive for academic excellence.



The pie chart above shows the money St Hugh's received during 2013, with donations totalling **£1,685,237** and making up 18% of our total income. Once pledges are taken into account, gifts during this period totalled **£4,406,662**. Our 15.8% participation rate (the number of alumni giving to the College) continues to be above the Oxford average of 14%, but with other colleges achieving rates as high as 33%, this year's decrease in donors underlines how important regular gifts are to St Hugh's.



# Our new building

## The Dickson Poon China Centre Building at St Hugh's Just under £18 million now raised!

We are extremely excited to be entering the final stage of building work on the Dickson Poon China Centre Building. This new College building will provide St Hugh's with additional accommodation and brand new facilities, as well as housing the University's prestigious inter-disciplinary research centre on China. The construction work will be completed by April 2014, with plans for opening events to thank donors to the building in September 2014.

The building's original fundraising goal of £20 million was revised to £21 million in 2012, and we are delighted to announce that, thanks to generous support from our Senior Members and friends, we have now raised **85%** of this amount. Our annual appeal, sent in early November, focused on raising support for this building. In the first two months of this appeal, we have already received gifts from 67 Senior Member donors. This follows our most successful mail appeal to date in 2012, which also focused on the new China Centre Building. With over **£64,000** donated from 93 Senior Members, this was the most amazing response we have ever had from a mailing appeal: thank you so much to everyone for helping us to achieve this figure. We are delighted that our Senior Members' community is enthused by this new building project, which will be of significant value to the College, providing additional facilities and 63 new bedrooms for our students.

All Senior Members who made gifts of £1,000 or more to this project before 15 February 2014 will have their names recorded on a donor board in the building's dining room, which will be called 'The Wordsworth Tea Room'. The names of 79 Senior Members currently appear on this board, to be unveiled when the building is formally opened in September 2014.



*Architect's impression of the Dickson Poon China Centre Building.*

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### Fundraising news

Many thanks to Mr Henry Chan, who recently made an extremely generous pledge of £3,008,000 to the College's China Centre Building. In honour of his gift, the library will be named after his father and called 'The Bodleian K B Chen Library'.

## The Chitty-Jacobs Modern Languages Fellowship Endowment Fund

We are delighted to announce that the **£1.2m** required to fully fund a College Fellowship in Modern Languages in perpetuity has now been raised. Thank you so much for all of the generous gifts from passionate Modern Linguists, and those with an interest in languages, for making this possible. A special event for donors to this fund is being planned for 2014, and we look forward to thanking you in person on this occasion. Now that this fund is complete, we will be focusing on fundraising to endow more Fellowships in 2014, enabling us to secure College teaching and research posts in perpetuity.



## The Ann Smart Law Fellowship Endowment

We have now raised almost **70%** of the funds required for the Ann Smart Law Fellowship Fund, which honours the College's first Fellow in Law, Ann Smart. This endowment has received gifts from 45 donors so far, including a recent substantial pledge from Benjamin Parker (Law, 1995). Our goal is to raise £1.2m, enabling us to secure the teaching of Law at St Hugh's in perpetuity.

*Ann Smart.*

## Career Development Fellowships

Career Development Fellowships support young academics at the start of their careers by offering them a three year position that combines research and teaching opportunities. These posts attract extremely talented young academics to St Hugh's and provide a crucial step in their careers, enabling them to stay in academia after completing their doctorates. In recent years, thanks to generous support, we have been able to make new appointments in Chemistry, Law, Economics and Psychology. Following these successes, we are now seeking funding for a Career Development Fellowship in Philosophy to support Professor Adrian Moore. This fund was initiated by a generous pledge of £30,000 from Jacky Lambert (PPE, 1978) and has also been recently supported by two further £30,000 pledges from Sonia Lindsay (PPE, 1952) and Patricia Lindsay (Geography, 1944). In recognition of the Lindsay sisters' generosity, this position will be named 'The Lindsay Career Development Fellowship'. We hope to raise the final £45,000 needed to complete the funding for this young fellowship, enabling us to make an appointment by the end of 2014.



*Professor Adrian Moore.*

# New projects

## The Aung San Suu Kyi Summer School

In September 2013, St Hugh's College hosted the first Aung San Suu Kyi Summer School, with six Burmese pupils resident at College for intensive English Language lessons and educational activities. We were delighted that Daw Suu (PPE, 1964) agreed to be the patron of this programme, which was initiated to honour her wish to improve educational access for Burmese students. The summer school was fully funded by generous donations from our Senior Members and friends, who were invited to meet the pupils at a barbecue in the Principal's Lodgings at the end of the programme. The pupils have since been in touch to let us know how much the summer school raised both their level of English and their educational aspirations, with one of the pupils, Hay Soe, recently being accepted by a University in Thailand.



*The pupils on their final day at College with the Principal, their teacher and some of the programme's volunteers.*

## The Oxford–Lady Gore-Booth Scholarship

A generous pledge of **£58,816** from Prospect Burma, matched by the Oxford Graduate Scholarship Fund, has enabled St Hugh's to offer the Oxford–Lady Gore-Booth Graduate Scholarship for 2014 entry. This new scholarship is open to Burmese students applying for a selected number of taught masters courses and will cover all course fees, as well as providing a grant for living costs. Lady Gore-Booth was a great friend of Daw Suu and a previous vice-chair and vice-patron of Prospect Burma.



*The pupils learning from St Hugh's Fellow and the Bodleian's Deputy Librarian, Richard Ovenden.*

## The Alison Sheppard Prize



*Alison Sheppard.*

The 'Alison Sheppard Prize for Mathematics' was established by Martin Hall (Chemistry, 1981, Corpus Christi) in memory of his wife, Alison (Mathematics, 1981). The prize is awarded to the third year undergraduate mathematician who achieves the highest mark in their end of year exams, and the 2013 recipient of the prize was Samuel Power (Mathematics, 2010).



# Student Support and fundraising successes

## Student Support

Since the 2011 rise in tuition fees, fundraising for the College's Student Support endowment has remained crucial. This fund ensures that students experiencing financial hardship can receive assistance from the College at difficult times. We are so grateful to all our Senior Members and friends for recognising the need to support this fund. Thanks to a number of generous donations, many of which were made during our annual Telethon, we raised **£82,649** for Student Support in 2013. As a result, we were able to distribute 19 grants to students in need over the 2012/2013 academic year.



## Gifts from the parents of our students

Since 2007, we have encouraged the parents of our undergraduate first year students to make donations to the College Library, during their child's first Michaelmas term at St Hugh's. This year we are very grateful to the parents of **30** of our new undergraduates for making a gift to the Library Fund. The Library is now home to over 80,000 books, and many of our students make use of it as a quiet space for study and revision throughout the academic year.

## Gifts from recent graduates

In 2011, we ran a leavers' gift appeal for the first time, urging our final year students to make a donation to Student Support in their last term at St Hugh's. Since then, the number of leavers giving to College has grown and 2013 was our most successful appeal to date. This year, we asked students to consider donating any amount between £1 and £10 (the equivalent of their College key deposit) to the Student Support Endowment. We are so grateful to the **44** students who decided to support their College this year. With **23%** of leavers making a gift, we are proud to see that our youngest Senior Members are leading the way by creating a culture of supporting College, with donations from leavers rising year on year.



*"The help and support I received from College over the last few years was invaluable in completing my degree and getting a career, so it's important to me that I now give back to support the next generation of students through their university careers."*

*Andy Wilson (Physics, 2010).*

# A heartfelt thank you

## College and University recognition

St Hugh's is committed to showing Senior Members and friends how much we appreciate all of our donors' generosity in supporting the College:

- We recognise those who are happy for us to publish their names in the Chronicle, while remaining mindful of those who prefer to remain anonymous
- We thank our donors at annual events including the Donors' Afternoon Tea and Donors' Dinner
- Benefactors contributing over £250,000 are invited to become members of the University's Vice-Chancellor's Circle
- Philanthropic contributions of £1.5m for individuals and £3m for companies and trusts entitle donors to join the University's Chancellor's Court of Benefactors
- In recognition of leadership levels of support, the College will consider awarding Elizabeth Wordsworth Fellowships.

All of us at St Hugh's – Principal, Fellows, staff and students – would like to thank you for your continued support. We are extremely grateful for your gifts, and we hope that you will wish to support the College in future years, as our exciting plans can only take shape with your help.

*If you would like to discuss our vision for St Hugh's, make a donation, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office on +44 (0)1865 274 958 or [development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk).*



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