

A heartfelt
Thank you...



St Hugh's College,
University of Oxford



Thanking people is an important part of how we do things at St Hugh's. All our donors are important not only to College but also to the wider University community and we are proud that their generosity is recognised in many different ways.

On 5 January, in the New Year Honours list, Sir Dickson Poon CBE was knighted for his services to business and charity, particularly Higher Education.

St Hugh's is indebted to him for his leadership gift for the China Centre. In April 2015 the Verdant Foundation gave the final gift and thereby completed the China Centre campaign. This generosity of our great philanthropists is being marked by special University ceremonies as well as those at St Hugh's. In May 2015 we bestowed the Elizabeth Wordsworth Fellowship on Mr and Mrs Henry Chan, the College's highest honour, in recognition of their generous support of the China Centre. Mr and Mrs Henry Chan and Ms Daisy Ho are to become members of the Vice Chancellor's Circle while the Verdant Foundation has been invited to join the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors. We are delighted that their support has been recognised in this manner and I would like to add my own personal thanks to each of them.

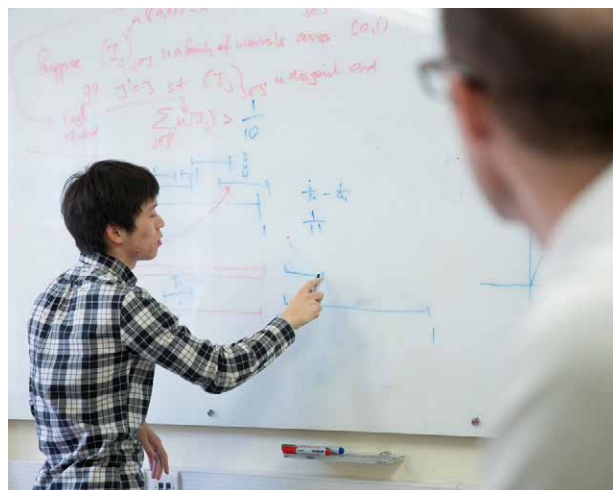
Donations to College are also recognised by naming the scholarship or Fellowship after the donor or a close relation of the donor. We have named a new Clarendon Scholarship after Trevor and Dominica Yang, and two scholarships supported by the Wei Lun Foundation are again being offered to our students. In March 2015 we hosted the first Mok Hing Yiu Lecture given by The Hon Andrew Kwok Nang Li CBE, GBM, JP, QC and funded by the Mok Foundation. In December 2015 we learned that Yvonne and Pierre Winkler were continuing their support of the Winkler Career Development Fellowship in Experimental Psychology which means that our research in the BabyLab can continue for another three years.

Our Financial Position
2015 was the year that the China Centre campaign was completed and normally we would expect to see a reduction in the level of donations.

However, over £21,000,000 was raised, a strong platform upon which to build our next project and our next campaign. We were also able to increase our endowment to £29,750,000. This helps move us towards a sustainable future but there is still a way to go.

Once again our alumni and friends have proven their enduring commitment and generosity. Last fiscal year the total income from donations reached £3,793,000 as against £3,727,000 from the previous year.

There is a donor behind each aspiring student, each research breakthrough, and each achievement we celebrate. Our donors, whether the gift is small or large, share our vision and desire to open doors to educational opportunities and push the limits of possibility. In the following pages we pause to reflect on the difference you make to your College, to the University and to the wider world as we present examples of how your support for students and programmes transforms people, places, and the planet.



How do we use your support?

Discretionary Fund

The discretionary fund remains our area of greatest need. These funds help us to maintain the buildings and gardens and assist with any pressing projects and student support. Donors generously contributed £204,866 over the year to this fund.

The student telethon raised £125,000. Of the 234 alumni that students called, 46% chose to make a gift, 92 of whom are now regular donors.

Our direct mail campaign in November raised £47,505 and this too is used to support the discretionary fund. Thank you so much to everyone who supported College in this way.

Student Support

Donors generously supported students through an array of bursaries, scholarships, and hardship grants. For the academic year 2014/15, 117 awards were disbursed (including 4 Moritz-Heyman awards of £5,500 each). The average value of the awards was £2,800.

To support graduate students, £64,000 was distributed during the year. This included scholarships to fund fees and living costs, 'top-up' funding to fill funding shortfalls in students' funding packages, a grant scheme to assist with the purchase of books and equipment, attendance at conferences, and travel grants.

The College also grants awards for academic development and has various scholarships and prizes available to reward academic excellence. During the year the College awarded £39,000.

Student hardship funds are often the focus of our fundraising campaigns. This year the College awarded £12,000 of hardship loans and grants, and provided £96,000 of free vacation residence.

Thank you to all who generously supported these programmes.

Teaching and Research

The tutorial system remains at the core of an Oxford education. So many alumni have told us of their transformational experiences at St Hugh's and Oxford, but to sustain this level of teaching and research we must look to endowing posts. In this way we are able to support young academics at the start of their careers as well as retaining outstanding Fellows by endowing their posts.

Thanks to the generous support of Yvonne and Pierre Winkler, we were able to renew the The Winkler Career Development Fellowship in Experimental Psychology for a further three years.

In September 2015 The Lindsay Career Development Fellowship in Philosophy was awarded to Dr Yuuki Ohta who is now working with Professor Adrian Moore.

Thank you to everyone who invested in these academic resources by supporting Career Development Fellowships.

Legacies

Income from legacies continues to be crucial to the future of the College. In 2015, £540,009 was received through legacies. Thank you so much to those who are thinking about leaving a gift in their will and for those that have already done so. We have a new legacy leaflet available so please do pick up a copy or ask us to send you one either by post or by email.

Burma Exchange programme

For the second year, St Hugh's has taken the lead in organising 11 students to travel to Yangon to teach English to 668 Burmese students at Yangon University. As planned, this was a larger number than the year before. We are grateful to the company Ooredoo for their continued sponsorship of this important exchange programme, enabling so many more students to be included in the teaching programme.

Special Appeals

We also ask finalists (and their parents) to make a small donation as they leave College and move on to their new careers. Thank you to everyone who helped raise £8,957 this year.

College and University Recognition

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

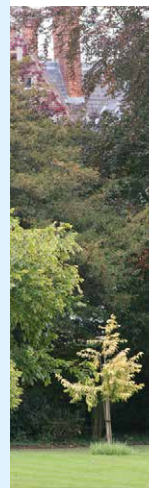
- We recognise those who are happy for us to publish their names in the Chronicle, while remaining mindful of those who prefer to remain anonymous.
- We thank our valued donors at annual events including the Donors' Afternoon Tea and Donors' Dinner.
- Benefactors contributing over £250,000 are invited 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 considers 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 continue to support the College for years to come, as our future can only take shape with your help.

If you would like to discuss our plans, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office on +44 (0)1865 613839 or development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk.

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A heartfelt *Thank you...*



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