




**St Edmund Hall
Development Summary**

An Illustrious History,
A Bright Future...

2019 – 2020



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For the third year in succession Oxford has been declared the world's number one university in the 2018 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

Oxford's collegiate system lies at the heart of its success, giving students and academics the benefit of belonging both to a large, internationally renowned institution and to an intimate, inclusive and interdisciplinary academic community.

The world is changing rapidly and, to remain relevant and world leading, the Hall needs to continuously refresh itself. Our rich history is a platform on which to build a bold vision for the future.

Our development priorities focus around four key themes that directly influence the student experience at the Hall. The start point has to be attracting the very best and brightest young men and women, regardless of their socio-economic background (p3); continuing to provide world-class teaching in a supportive and inclusive learning environment (p4); preserving our unique heritage by maintaining the historic fabric of the Hall (p5) and finally, ensuring the famed 'Hall Spirit' runs through all we do (p6). These are the foundations on which we will build a vision for the future of the Hall.

We need to accelerate progress and to do so must secure the financial resources necessary to underpin our ambition. Currently the Hall's endowment stands at just half the sum recommended for a college our size, with student fees meeting only half of the cost of delivering an Oxford education. Aularian philanthropy is, therefore, essential if the Hall is to thrive, both today and in the future.

Over 8,000 Aularians, in over 100 countries, understand more than anyone the life-changing opportunities the Hall offers. Your generosity - through gifts and bequests - will enable the brightest minds and finest teaching to imbue with Hall Spirit to maintain and evolve the Hall's special Oxford experience.

Floreat Aula!

*Professor Katherine J. Willis CBE
Principal*



1. ATTRACTING THE VERY BEST STUDENTS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

The Hall wishes to welcome the most talented students whatever their socio-economic background. We aim to reduce the barriers that may prevent a young man or woman making an application to the Hall. Through our Outreach Programme current undergraduates visit schools (over 80% of which are in the state sector) offering application advice and challenging stereotypes and misconceptions about life at Oxford.

Being able to offer direct financial support through bursaries and scholarships is central to helping achieve an inclusive environment and nearly 20% of current students benefit from financial assistance. Accommodation costs are a consideration when applicants choose their college and the Hall must develop a bold plan to create more affordable accommodation for our undergraduates.


The importance of accommodation: The Hall needs to increase the provision of affordable accommodation in order to attract the brightest students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Currently all second year students live out of College, increasing pressure and costs for them.

Accommodation appears to be a significant factor for students choosing their college: of the Oxford colleges with the most direct applications all but one can offer full accommodation and, correspondingly, of the colleges with the fewest direct applications, all but one has students who live-out.

Furthermore, over the past decade the 20 colleges offering full (or near full) accommodation held the top 19 positions in the Norrington Table.

► With Aularian support the Hall aims to:

- Offer undergraduate bursaries & graduate scholarships to ensure the most talented students can join the Hall, regardless of their economic background.
- Increase the quantity and quality of student accommodation so that the Hall competes with other colleges in the provision of rooms.
- Develop ways to ensure the cost of living in Hall accommodation is more affordable.
- Provide funding to double the Hall's Outreach Programme and increase our reach to schools and prospective students who do not typically apply to Oxford.



At the start of Michaelmas Term 2018 the Hall had 415 undergraduates, 345 graduate students and 41 Visiting Students. Together they represented over 60 different nationalities from six continents.

2. DELIVERING THE HIGHEST QUALITY TEACHING AND A WORLD CLASS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The Hall continues to be home to intellectual curiosity and debate. Students thrive in an encouraging atmosphere of engagement and exploration and tutorials remain at the heart of the learning experience.

Student fees cover just half of the cost of providing the tutorial system. The Hall wishes to endow the positions of Tutorial Fellows to secure the Hall's teaching in perpetuity. Currently less than 15% of Tutorial Fellowships are fully endowed.

▶ With Aularian support the Hall aims to:

- Endow Fellowships to secure the teaching of its key subjects.
- Increase the tutorial support we offer students, connecting undergraduates to our community of DPhil students and Research Fellows.
- Provide direct support to students by offering 150 prizes and awards each year.
- Fund local and international academic partnerships so that the Hall remains progressive and outward looking.



3. PRESERVING THE HALL'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The Hall's historic buildings have provided the backdrop many thousands of students, each possessing their own memories and affections of our special College. In recent years, many improvements have been made to the Front Quad and Churchyard, winning the Hall both awards from the Oxford Preservation Society and the praise of visitors and Aularians. We will next carry out essential works on our historic Old Dining Hall and Chapel.

▶ With Aularian support the Hall aims to:

- Sympathetically restore the Old Dining Hall with expertise and care.
- Restore the Chapel, creating a vestibule so the Chapel can be viewed at all times.
- Reduce the environmental footprint of the College.



The historic Front Quad remains the place for impromptu conversations, sometimes scholarly, sometimes social and often both.

Whilst many remember wonderful meals with friends, many Aularians will also associate the Old Dining Hall with the events, concerts, celebrations, symposia and guest lectures convened there. The Old Dining Hall is in almost daily use, providing an elegant, vibrant and special space at the heart of College life.

4. MAINTAINING OUR LEGENDARY HALL SPIRIT

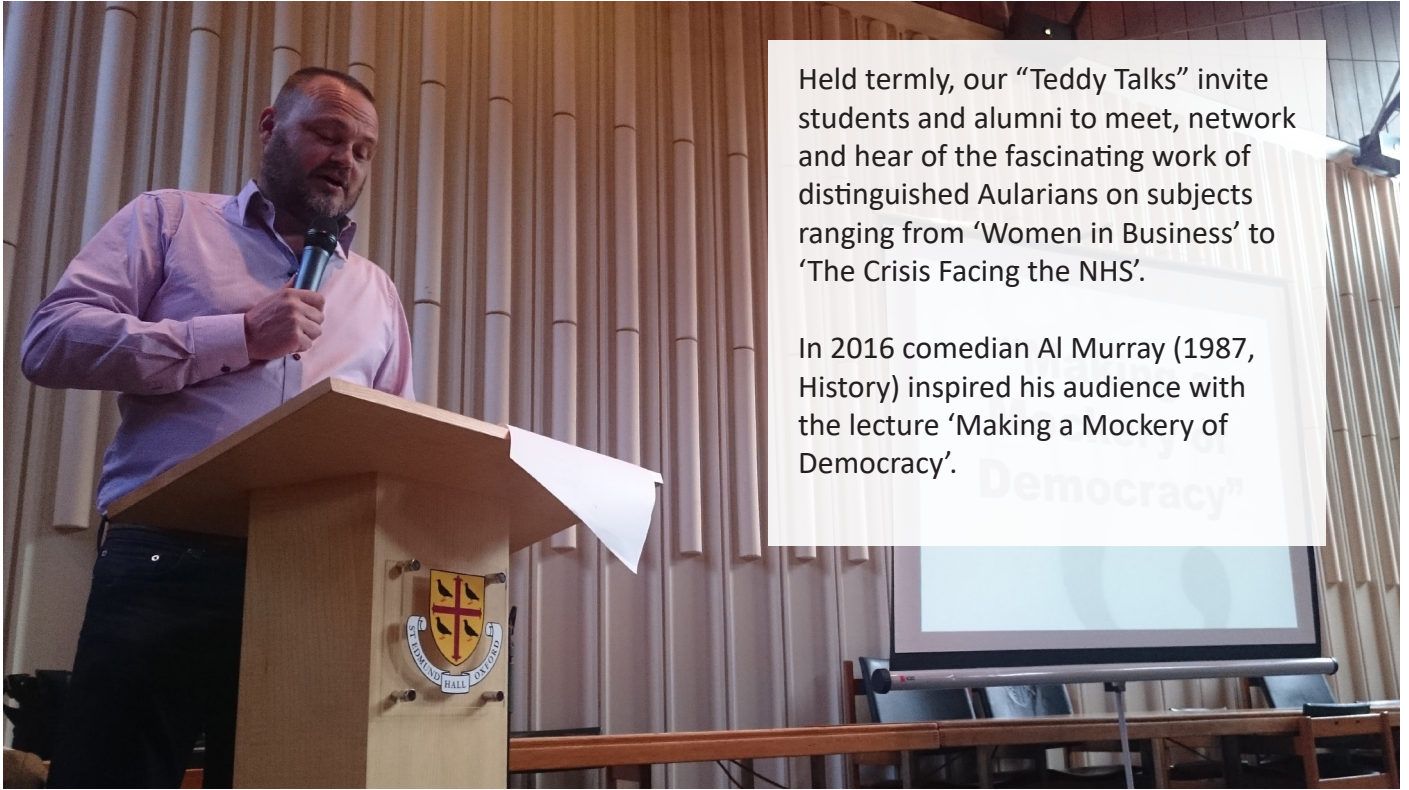
Hall Spirit is shaped by students, Fellows, staff and alumni and – whilst almost impossible to define – it remains at the heart of all we do. Cultural, intellectual and sporting activities offer tangible signs of Hall Spirit and our dynamic alumni community demonstrate it through friendships created amongst Aularians and a lifelong association with the Hall.

► With Aularian support the Hall aims to:

- Fund a minimum of 20 Masterclass awards each year to support high level coaching in sport and arts.
- Support over 20 student clubs and societies.
- Fully endow the position of Director of Music and an associated Music Programme to include choir tours, choral and organ scholarships and lessons for our musicians and singers.
- Create and endow an 'Academic Fund' to enable Fellows to organise educational talks, symposia and events for the benefit of academics, students, the wider University and the general public.
- Continue to build a dynamic and engaged alumni network and increase participation in Hall events and fundraising campaigns, the St Edmund Hall Association and other Aularian societies.



Thanks to Aularian gifts the Hall has established the Masterclass Award. Students apply for up to £1,000 to support high level coaching in the arts and in sports. Our Masterclass programme is unique amongst Oxford colleges, and enables students to develop their talent in ways that might otherwise be financially impossible. Recent awards have enabled individual students to access swimming and vocal coaches, attend drama workshops, and to qualify as a mountaineering instructor.



Held termly, our “Teddy Talks” invite students and alumni to meet, network and hear of the fascinating work of distinguished Aularians on subjects ranging from ‘Women in Business’ to ‘The Crisis Facing the NHS’.

In 2016 comedian Al Murray (1987, History) inspired his audience with the lecture ‘Making a Mockery of Democracy’.

Democracy”



“In addition to its established programme of weekly Writing Workshops I am thrilled that Aularian philanthropy has enabled the Hall to launch ‘Meet the Poet’, to bring a well-known or emerging poet to the College once a term for unique and inspiring insights into the creative processes of poetry writing.”

*Professor Erica McAlpine
A C Cooper Fellow & Tutor in English*



“The College calendar is packed with music events performed by Hall students and visiting musicians with performances ranging from the contemporary to medieval wassailing. The Choir perform regularly at Evensong and tour both nationally and internationally. All of this is made possible thanks to gifts from Aularians.”

*Christopher Bucknall
Director of Music*



AULARIAN PHILANTHROPY

We are thankful to over 1,000 Aularians who make regular donations to the Annual Fund, supporting students, teaching and our buildings.

Individuals making major gifts to the Hall endow key teaching positions, develop accommodation projects and directly fund students through named bursaries, scholarships and prizes. Donors hear directly from students they support, receive regular updates on the Hall and are invited to dinners and receptions throughout the year. Supporters committing major gifts are invited to join the Hall Board of Benefactors or The Principal's Circle.



"We really appreciated our time at Teddy Hall and wanted to say thank you by helping current students. We established the Peel Prizes to recognise and encourage academic merit in the subjects we studied – Fine Art and Maths & Philosophy. Our funding has enabled us to stay connected to the Hall and provide direct support to the student body in areas that we feel are important. Through the Hall we have regular updates on the impact of our funding as well as regular opportunities to meet the prize winners."

Eva & Tom Peel (1994, Fine Art/Maths & Philosophy) and founders of the Peel Prizes

The Floreat Aula Legacy Society

The Floreat Aula Legacy Society recognises and thanks those who have remembered the Hall in their will. Legacy gifts are highly valued and always used respectfully to advance the College in very special ways. Recent legacy gifts have funded student accommodation, undergraduate bursaries, graduate scholarships, tutorial fellowships and the renovation of the Churchyard. Members of the Society are invited to the biennial Floreat Aula Legacy Society Weekend, offering the opportunity to revisit the Hall, participate in a range of interesting Oxford experiences and meet Aularians of all generations.



"My time at Oxford went by in a blur of sweaty bops and essay crises so it's perhaps only in retrospect that I can appreciate what a privilege it was to have been an undergraduate at Teddy Hall. I'd love to be able to help ensure that future generations of students have access to the same wonderful opportunities."

"I'm a novelist and as anyone in the creative industries knows, it can be hard to predict your income from year to year. Sometimes you're more in need of a charitable donation than able to give one! Planned giving is a great way to honour your commitment to the Hall. It would be lovely to see some new faces at the Floreat Aula dinners!"

Chris Manby (1990, Experimental Psychology) and member of the Floreat Aula Legacy Society



“Teddy Hall has one of the best looking libraries in Oxford. It’s a great environment to work in!”

Haseem, Economics and Management



“There is a great ‘Hall spirit’ and in first year everyone lives really close together on the main College site, so you will bond immensely well with your year.”

Tony, Engineering



“I have met friends at Teddy Hall that I will undoubtedly keep for the rest of my life, and my tutors are the most intelligent, supportive and interesting people I have ever met.”

Meg, English





Please Join Us

The continued support of Aularians is essential if we are to maintain our Hall Spirit, academic excellence, and preserve the unique fabric of the Hall.

- Aularian gifts to the Annual Fund ensure direct funding to students through bursaries, scholarships and the funding of extra-curricular activities.

13% of Aularians make a regular gift to the Hall and our thanks go to you all. Every gift has an impact and can be made by Direct Debit using the enclosed form.

- Many Aularians choose to write the Hall into their will . Bequests are always used sympathetically. The enclosed leaflet provides further information.
- Major gifts endow bursaries and teaching positions and, together with Annual Fund gifts, preserve the Hall's historic buildings and enable the development of new accommodation.

Further information is available on each of the Hall's development projects at www.seh.ox.ac.uk/development

To discuss how your support can have the greatest impact and meet with your aims and objectives, please contact the Development Office.

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“Forty years after Matriculation I am clear the Hall shaped me both personally and professionally and that this effect continues today. I feel a real debt of gratitude and, as an Aularian, I know I have a responsibility to give back in numerous ways to ensure students today continue to benefit from the life-changing opportunities a Hall Education offers. Floreat Aula!”

Paul Darling (1978, Jurisprudence)