



**ST EDMUND HALL
ANNUAL FUND
IMPACT REPORT
2017-18**

THE POWER OF YOUR SUPPORT

In both 2016 and 2017 Times Higher Education ranked Oxford as the number one university in the world. The University'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, interdisciplinary academic community.

With this context it is our goal to ensure the Hall provides the best of student experiences in Oxford. This means delivering Oxford's world-beating education and ensuring every student finds their 'home' and a freedom to succeed by building lifelong friendships, following their passion and embracing our diversity. That's what Aularians know as 'Hall Spirit'.

Naturally, financial resources underpin our ambition. The Hall's endowment stands at half of the recommended sum for a college our size. Student fees meet only half of the cost of delivering an Oxford education. Therefore Aularian philanthropy is a critical if the Hall is to thrive, both today and in the future.

We are thankful to the group of over 1,000 Aularians who made a one-off or regular donation to the Hall in 2016/17, which places us 14th in an Oxford Leader Board of alumni donating back to their college.

Each year the Annual Fund attracts gifts from many individuals that really do add up and make a difference. Remember also that individual gifts of all sizes increase the percentage alumni participation rate – a statistic

that often helps in leveraging funds from external organisations such as trusts and foundations.

We ask you to support this year's Annual Fund Campaign, which provides essential funds to directly support students and key projects here at Teddy Hall.

Floreat Aula!



Over 1,000

Aularians make regular donations to the Annual Fund

The Annual Fund focuses around four key themes that directly influence the student experience and highlights development needs that Aularian philanthropy can support.

SUPPORTING HALL STUDENTS

For many students the excitement and anticipation of acceptance at the Hall is tempered by the knowledge that their time at Oxford will be one of considerable financial challenge. We're committed to ensuring that no one with the academic ability should be prevented from studying because of financial hardship.

- Last year, your generosity helped us support one in four of our undergraduates on the basis of financial need to a sum total of over £125,000.
- You also provided scholarships for 24 post-graduates. These are crucial so that the Hall continues to attract the most talented post-graduate students from both the UK and abroad.
- In addition, gifts to the John Kelly Memorial Hardship Fund provides much needed support for students whose family circumstances change whilst here. 20 students received help last year.
- You helped to provide over 150 academic prizes and travel awards that reward outstanding work and motivate our students to achieve their personal best.
- Donors have also supported students with one-off educational expenses such as field trips for Earth Scientists and stethoscopes for 4th year Medics.



Your generosity helped us support **one in four** undergraduates

“My time at Oxford has been unforgettable, and I will always recognise the generosity and support my scholarship has provided in this. One day, I too hope to give something back and help future students in the way I have been in this past year.”

Jake (2016, BCL)

“Thanks to my bursary, I am closer to realising my aspiration of becoming a scientist and am able to get the best education. Coming to Teddy Hall has been a life changing experience that will continue to bring out the best of me.”

Paula (2016, Physics)



SUPPORTING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT THE HALL

Being a student at Teddy Hall offers great opportunities for new experiences and developing skills in sports, music and the arts.

Donations through the Annual Fund is vital to maintaining these distinctive features of Hall life through a variety of routes, such as the Masterclass Awards and Amalgamated Clubs Fund.

- **The Masterclass Fund** provides talented students with advanced coaching in extra-curricular activities and, since its launch, has supported nearly 300 students. Last year a total of £20,570 was awarded to 31 students to help them pursue their training in many areas, including singing, pistol shooting, ballroom dancing, swimming, drama, photography, filmmaking and cello.
- **The Amalgamated Clubs Fund** provides funds for 24 active College clubs and societies for the purchase of equipment or to meet expenses for their approved non-academic activities. This fund supports the sports teams, the choir, John Oldham Society, *The Gallery* and participation of our Fine Art students in the Ruskin Degree Show.

In 2017, 25 Full Blues were awarded and 26 Half Blues (with the women taking more honours than the men). The Hall men won both football and cricket Cuppers and this year we have won rugby Cuppers. On the river, the Women's First VIII won Blades at Summer Vills.



“My singing lessons have proven invaluable. From my first lesson, I have felt my voice transformed. My technique has become more reliable, my voice has become more mature, and my vocal stamina has increased. I have been able to perform in numerous recitals, concerts, and operas this past academic year. The coaching has strengthened my resolve to become a professional singer. I am deeply grateful to have received the Masterclass Award without which none of this would have been possible.”

Alexander (2016, MPhil Politics)

DELIVERING THE HIGHEST QUALITY TEACHING AND A WORLD CLASS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

“Gifts of all sizes from Aularians help the Hall to provide exceptional teaching and research. Our academics are at the heart of this, and the support of alumni helps us to continually recruit world-class scholars. The Hall has nearly 50 Teaching Fellows, 9 Junior Research Fellows and over 40 additional Lecturers. Your donations help to offer resources to this academic community and ensures that we can continue to offer a wide range of subjects, and that the tutorial system is secured for future generations of students”

Professor Robert Wilkins, Tutor in Physiology, Senior Tutor & Tutor for Admissions

“My tutors at Teddy Hall are genuinely nice and are excellent at not only helping you progress throughout the terms with their knowledge, but also looking after your wellbeing.”

Jason (2014, Medicine)



IMPROVEMENTS TO STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation continues to be one of the greatest problems facing students in Oxford.

Students at the Hall are at a disadvantage because we cannot offer full accommodation throughout all years of their undergraduate degree. It is our belief and ambition that every undergraduate and graduate of the Hall should have access to good quality, good value and well-located accommodation while resident in Oxford.

However, Oxford is a market where rental demand outstrips supply. Students are forced into expensive, substandard rental properties that are poorly managed and maintained. This can often lead to problematic issues for students and influence their wellbeing.

In the past two years, the Annual Fund has specifically contributed to the refurbishment of two floors of student bedrooms in the Besse building. In 2018, students will move into a newly acquired property at 24 Norham Gardens and we aim to maintain and improve our existing properties on Queen's Lane, including the continued renovation of Besse block.



Student room in Besse



11 student rooms have been developed at Norham Gardens thanks to donations to the Hall



24 Norham Gardens



34 student rooms in Besse have been renovated with help from the Annual Fund

YOUR DONATIONS

As with most Oxford colleges, the Hall relies on the generosity of its alumni to fund its key development projects. In the 5 years between 2012 and 2017 the Hall fundraised £11m through Aularians making regular gifts into the Annual Fund, remembering the Hall in their will and through major gifts.

The Hall's endowment – the sum which is invested to provide an annual income – is critical to our financial planning and security. Much progress has been made increasing the Hall's endowment from £28m to £52m within the space of a decade. However we aim to double this to £100m – the recommended sum for a college our size to operate successfully and sustainably

In the last financial year, the annual endowment transfer – the sum transferred from the annual income on the endowment – covered approximately 10% of the Hall's expenditure. Therefore, to finance our core activities, we remain highly dependent on our other means of income generation, which include conferences, tuition fees, government funding and residential fees. The support of our alumni, parents and friends is of course also essential in helping us to achieve this goal.



Our endowment was valued at over **£52m** at 31 July 2017

The total amount of funds raised in 2016/17 was **£1,590,157**



The annual endowment transfer covered approx. **10%** of our expenditure



The Annual Fund raised **£404,523**, mainly from small regular donations



For more information on how to give tax-efficiently or to make a donation please contact:

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FLOREAT AULA LEGACY SOCIETY

The Floreat Aula Legacy Society recognises and thanks those who have made a provision to the Hall in their will. Over 200 Aularians have committed to remembering the Hall in their will and for many this provides an opportunity to make a gift size that they may not be able to make in their lifetime.

Legacy gifts are highly valued and always used respectfully to advance the college in very special ways. Recent legacy gifts have been used by the Hall to fund student accommodation, undergraduate bursaries, Graduate Scholarships, tutorial fellowships and renovation of the Churchyard garden buildings.

Members of the Society are invited to the bi-annual Floreat Aula Legacy Society Weekend offering an opportunity to revisit the Hall, meet Aularians of all generations and hear talks and visit Oxford spaces.

For more information about remembering the Hall in your will or the Society, please contact Mrs Sally Brooks in the Development & Alumni Relations Office.