Subject: Daily Coronavirus Update: Friday 24 April 2020

Dear all,

There have been several items to emerge today on Covid-19 that are relevant to the Hall community:

1. **Emergency Assistance Fund for students**
The University has launched an Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) for on-course, matriculated students of all fee statuses whose finances have been negatively affected by coronavirus. The fund is intended to supplement existing provision offered by the Hall. Emergency Assistance grants of between £200 and £1,000 are available, taking into account individual circumstances and need, to provide short-term support only. The Fund is being administered by the Student Fees and Funding team with oversight by the University Hardship Committee. The application form ([https://cutt.ly/QyoasE4](https://cutt.ly/QyoasE4)) and guidance notes ([https://cutt.ly/IyoahWA](https://cutt.ly/IyoahWA)) are available on the University Coronavirus BCP Sharepoint site ([https://cutt.ly/wyoalGq](https://cutt.ly/wyoalGq)). The Fund will close on Friday 12 June (week 7, Trinity term). A range of financial information, including details of schemes that can provide help for other reasons, is available on the University's Fees & Funding webpages ([https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding?wssl=1](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding?wssl=1)).

2. **Undergraduate open days**
The undergraduate open days scheduled for July will not go ahead as planned due to coronavirus. The University is committed to ensuring prospective applicants have alternative online opportunities to discover Oxford, and work is now underway to develop resources to replace the events. Further information will follow as soon as possible. Please encourage open day enquirers to sign up ([http://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/undergraduate_admissions_and_outreach_news](http://newsletter.admin.ox.ac.uk/k/Ouc/undergraduate_admissions_and_outreach_news)) for the latest news from undergraduate admissions and outreach. The hope is that the 18th September open day will run but this will be dependent on whether social distancing is still in place.

3. **Returning to College**
It is not currently permitted for you to return into college accommodation. If the Government advice changes after their next review and travel is possible and you want to return to college, you will need to request permission from the College by emailing covid19@seh.ox.ac.uk. You will need to provide compelling reasons why you need to do so as the University has arranged for online teaching and remote examinations for Trinity Term. For post-graduates, in addition to compelling reasons, you will need to include permission from your department stating why you need to be in Oxford to continue your research and that your department will be open with the necessary facilities available.

We really do appreciate the frustration and problems that these circumstances are creating for many members of the College. Please be assured that we are reviewing the College’s position on these matters on a regular basis and will keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible.

With best wishes and we hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes,
Professor Kathy Willis (Principal) & Professor Robert Whittaker (Vice Principal).