



Philanthropy
Report 2022/23

KING'S COLLEGE
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THE VITAL ROLE OF PHILANTHROPY

I only arrived at King's a few weeks ago. However in that short space of time I have already learnt about the vital role of philanthropy in almost all areas of College life. So let me start by saying a huge, heartfelt "thank you" for everything that you have done to support us, in our different needs.

One of these needs involves the students. As many of you know, King's has students from very diverse backgrounds, some of whom are the first generation in their family to go to university, and/or come from challenging circumstances. Enabling these students to thrive is crucial for our shared future and I love hearing their stories, and about their journeys to King's. Your gifts are crucial here, whether to fund access initiatives, support with tutoring and our Bridging Programme; or to provide support when students get here. Whichever way, it is having an amazing impact in fostering the next generation of best and brightest talent.

A second "need" is our supervision teaching system, which gives personalised attention to students. As someone who did her BA and PhD in Cambridge but has since spent many years in America, I know how unique and valuable this is. But it is not cheap, and we can only run it effectively with your help. So many thanks for your help in maintaining this key pillar of King's.

A third key area is research. When I listen to our Fellows and College Research Associates talk about their incredible work, in sectors ranging

from bumble bees to brain science, or clean fuel to Roman history, I am left awestruck and determined that we must do all we can to foster more discovery and scholarship. So thank you for your help there.

A fourth pillar of our community is our infrastructure. When I see the College's brilliant new and refurbished buildings, and our efforts to preserve our unique heritage, I feel privileged to be a steward of this slice of history. We need to fight to hand it over to the next generation in the best possible condition.

The good news about these four priorities is that the King's Campaign, which Michael Proctor launched so well, is going from strength to strength. However, there is much more to be done for our students, researchers, the Chapel and Choir. However, with the support of our amazing community I know we can get there.

So thank you for all you do for King's – on behalf of the present and future community!

Dr Gillian Tett
Provost



In 2023 **85%** of our offers to UK students went to **students from the maintained sector**

8 successful applicants took part in the 2023 **Bridging Programme**

16% of our 2023 intake of UK undergraduates come **from areas of lowest progression to higher education**, and **30%** **from widening participation backgrounds**

12 schools took part in the Year 12 **Access and Application Support programme**

15 schools in the North East were visited by our **Access Bus**

ACCESS IN ITS WIDEST SENSE

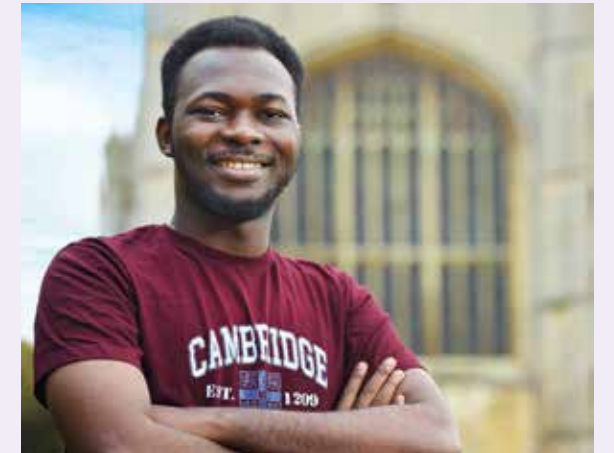
The Student Access and Support Initiative (SASI), launched in 2018 and funded by alumni, continues to enable support for applicants facing structural disadvantage, so we can welcome more diverse cohorts every year. But at King's we want to make sure students from all backgrounds can thrive when they get here.

The **King's Summer Research Programme** has continued to offer undergraduates the opportunity to work on a focused research project with a King's Fellow or University academic for up to ten weeks. Established with a gift from David Sainsbury (KC 1959) and the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, the Programme was expanded through the bequest of the late Ian Fleming Wright (KC 1967) and the use of subject-specific Funds. Students who would not normally be able to take up an internship without financial assistance can now confirm their interest in their chosen field and consider going into research or further academic study.

Second year medic Elizabeth Zachariah (left) was one of the 33 undergraduates taking part in this year's Summer Research Programme. She has been supported through the **Brian and Margaret Clark Fund**, established ten years ago by the late Professor Brian Clark (KC 1955) and his wife Margaret to assist undergraduate students in the Biological Sciences.

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The King's Summer Research Programme has allowed me to further develop my interest in academic medicine, equipping me with the experience I need to pursue further opportunities in research within the field of biomedical science. I have been working at the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Heart & Lung Research Institute, in the Ziad Mallat Group, and my project investigates the ways in which the immune system may influence the development of atherosclerosis.



Adewunmi Akingbola has been awarded a **Quantedge-Cambridge Refugee Scholarship** at King's to study for an MPhil in Population Health Sciences.

Adewunmi trained as a medical doctor at Lagos State University College of Medicine. Growing up in a rural part of Nigeria he saw first-hand the devastating impact of infectious diseases such as viral hepatitis B and the importance of public health interventions shaped by good data collection and analysis. His MPhil will help him develop skills in epidemiology and biostatistics.

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Through research, I'm hopeful that I can play a part in building stronger and more resilient healthcare systems that could benefit not only my home country of Nigeria but also the wider African continent.

The Quantedge-Cambridge Refugee Scholarship at King's was first awarded in 2020 and is available annually to support students who have come from areas of conflict.



SEF: THE CRUCIAL SAFETY NET

The Supplementary Exhibition Fund (SEF) was established by the College in 1886 to offer ‘opportune assistance’ to students in need. For more than 137 years it has provided a vital hardship safety net.

With the largest part of the funds currently going towards bursaries for undergraduate students, the SEF also supports postgraduates who have overrun their funding periods and are in financial difficulty, and with study or research related expenses, sports and language grants, becoming the ultimate safety net when other specific funds are not available.

Julia Hands (KC 1979) has given regularly to the Fund for many years, and is clear on its value – now more than ever.

“The SEF is incredibly important. It was crucial especially during the early months of the pandemic, when over 300 students – undergraduate and graduate – needed its help. As financial pressures increase, we’re going to see the call on hardship funds grow. They can be an absolutely fundamental lifeline, covering all sorts of circumstances; and sometimes making the difference in whether a student can stay and complete their studies or not.

Being able to benefit from a Cambridge education, in the widest possible sense, should be something that every student can do without financial worry; as someone with the financial means to give back, I feel strongly that this is how I want to help.

This is what some of the students supported through the SEF during the 2022/23 academic year have to say:

“Due to family circumstances, I wouldn’t have had the money to continue my studies last year and reached out to College for help. The money I received from the SEF made a massive difference – it meant I could not only continue my studies without the worry of affording to live, but as a Captain of the KCBC I could dedicate more of my time to the Club. I know I wouldn’t have been part of the historic Bumps results last year without the SEF.
Oscar Wilson (KC 2019)

“The Supplementary Exhibition Fund has been life-changing for me, as I don’t think I would have made it through the academic year with how my finances were looking at the beginning. Having struggled with hospital admissions and managing my long-term illness, working over summer had not been feasible. The provision of the SEF has been a lifesaver, both in supporting me in engaging with my studies and removing the financial stress that was keeping me awake at night.
Undergraduate student

“I greatly appreciate the support I’ve received from the SEF. It has been instrumental in funding my conference travel, covering the subscription costs for Adobe, and easing the financial strain of managing both household expenses and expenses related to my studies. I used to have to work an additional 10 hours to supplement my income, which not only impeded my research progress but also took a toll on my health.
Aish Venkatramani (KC 2021, PhD candidate in Biotechnology)

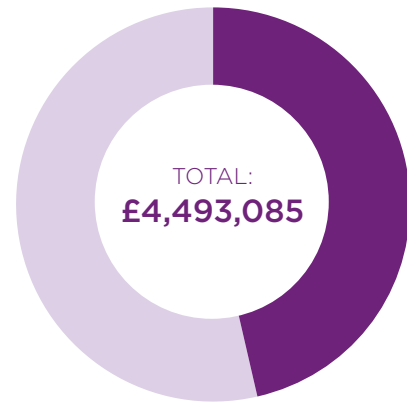
“(Through the SEF) King’s covered my University tennis team membership, thanks to which I made new friends, became fitter, and ended up representing Cambridge in the annual Varsity match against Oxford.
Undergraduate student



“I’m particularly thankful for the role the SEF has played in my inclusion as a young mother in the College, which has spurred me on in my research. I was able to attend an important conference in my field in the USA with my first baby, and recently received funding to cover the cost of my second newborn’s visas and even my deposit for nursery. I am blown away! So many people ask me how I’m able to handle all the obstacles I’ve faced with having little ones during my PhD, and I share that, in addition to a most supportive husband, I have a most supportive College.
Hope Crelin (KC 2020, PhD candidate in Divinity)

TOGETHER WE MAKE KING'S

Your donations in 2022/23



■ ENDOWED FUNDS RAISED
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"I studied at King's on a full bursary and was also supported by the SEF, as were many others I knew who encountered financial difficulties that could have seriously impacted their ability to continue at Cambridge. After graduation, once income permitted, it felt right to give back a small amount to contribute to the support of others like me."

REGULAR DONOR, KC 2016

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will be included in the forthcoming
2023 Annual Report.



EMPOWERED MINDS AND A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Stephen Taylor Court, the College's new accommodation for graduates and young researchers on Barton Road, was formally opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in February. Formerly known as Croft Gardens, it provides 84 homes for graduate students, Fellows, and their families, and is designed to rigorous *Passivhaus* standards with a very low carbon footprint. Three gault brick crescents and a red brick villa provide the residential accommodation, while the refurbished and extended Victorian Holmcroft building provides a library, laundry room and common room area which spills out onto a sunny terrace and allotment garden. The pair of crescents whose gables face onto Barton Road are now home to young researchers and their families. The third crescent – named the Adkins Building after Life Fellow Tess Adkins – is home to graduate rooms, as is the single villa on Barton Road.

Through the rental income, the Stephen Taylor Court provides funding for the **Student Access and Support Initiative (SASI)** so King's can continue widening participation and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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The Stephen Taylor Court represents a major step in the College's ongoing efforts to decarbonise our operations in the context of the climate crisis, and in our aspirations to provide high-quality and affordable accommodation to our students, academics, and their families.

Philip Isaac, Domus Bursar 2011-2023



As well as finding affordable accommodation, researchers with young families have been struggling with the rising costs of childcare and some have had to leave Cambridge before completing their thesis.

An inspirational donor, who was a parent when he was at King's for his PhD, has seed-funded a new **Childcare Support Fund for Graduate Students** that will help with short-term childcare, such as when a student travels to a conference, or one-off support for other child-related costs. We hope this fund can keep growing to support graduate students with young families for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE IMPACT OF KING'S WOMEN

We are immensely grateful for the support received from Hermann Hauser (KC 1973) and Pamela Raspe, The Hon Margaret McCain, and Trevor and Pauline Gazard (KC 1971, KC 1973) towards the **50 Years of Women at King's Festival** and the **50 Portraits** exhibition.

One of the principal aims of the Festival, and indeed of the whole 50 Years of Women at King's anniversary programme, was to celebrate the impact of King's women but also to look at what still needs to be done in addressing the issues and challenges that remain in gender equality and women's education.

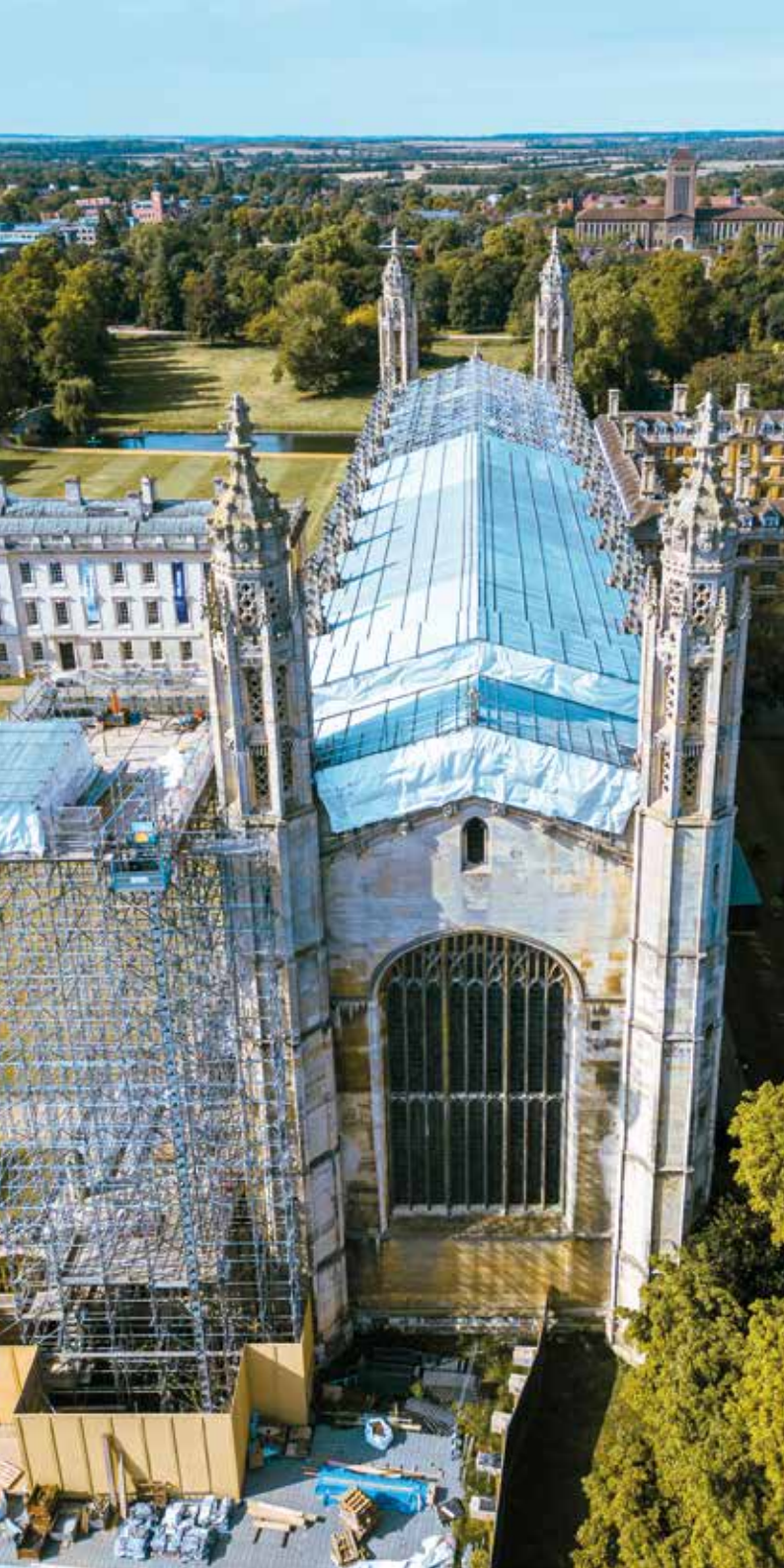
The photographic project also hoped to address the acute under-representation of women in the paintings and photographs found around the College. The 50 portraits, taken by award-winning photographer Jooney Woodward, will now become part of the permanent art collection and turn the intangible heritage of King's women into something solid and visible.



Investing in Natural Sciences and Mathematics Fellowships, the **Leigh Trapnell Fund** – established in 1996 with a donation from the late Leigh Trapnell (KC 1927) and his wife Hazel – continues to help the College attract brilliant young academics so they can be nurtured and establish their career in research and teaching.

In the academic year 2023–24, James Dolan (KC 2019) becomes the new Trapnell Fellow and College Teaching Officer in Natural Sciences (Physical). Until recently an Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of Physics, at King's James supervises first year Physics, is Director of Studies to Part IA Natural Sciences (Physical) students, coordinates admissions for his subject, and is a Tutor as well as Financial Tutor.

“College funding is unique in the Cambridge ecosystem as it can support researchers and research which might otherwise struggle to find a ‘home’ in the University.”



SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE

King's College Chapel is the most famous and recognisable building in Cambridge, and is of national and international significance. Its unique acoustics and organ shape the distinctive sound of the College Choir.

Dating back to 1446, the Chapel possesses the largest fan vaulted stone ceiling in the world, unique intricate carvings, an impressive screen and some of the most exquisite painted and medieval stained glass windows surviving in the country.

While the main structure of the Chapel is sound, identified necessary works include repairs to the roof coverings, cleaning and repairs to the interior and exterior stone and woodwork, and cleaning and repair of the medieval stained glass.

“Having been careful stewards for nearly 600 years, as a College we are inherently aware of the duty we have to protect the Chapel as a building of exceptional significance, for the benefit of everyone, forever. The installation of the panels represents the merger of our remarkable heritage with the urgent necessity to safeguard the future. In the context of the climate emergency, these measures are not merely beneficial, they are essential.

Professor Michael Proctor,
Provost 2013–2023

In the crucial conservation works to the Chapel roof completed over the past year, the entire lead covering was removed, sand-casted and replaced, while maintaining access to the building for visitors, daily services and concerts. Installing photovoltaic (PV) panels forms an important facet of the College's strategy to decarbonise its operations by 2038, and will meet 100% of the energy needs of the Chapel and reduce the College's carbon emissions by more than 27 tonnes each year.

Extensive research was undertaken to minimise all impacts of the PV panels while delivering the maximum energy output, carefully considering the exceptional heritage value of the Chapel and its contribution to the significance of surrounding heritage assets.

In 1993 **John Cambridge** (KC 1949) added an extraordinary bequest for “the maintenance of the Chapel” to his Will, for which we are forever grateful. It was one of the largest gifts since that of Henry VIII.

Since then, many members and friends have joined in with their bequests to help preserve this iconic building. Thanks to these gifts, we have been able to undertake this important conservation work.

John Barber joined King's as a Fellow in 1974, and took on many roles in College through the years: from Director of Studies to Chair of the Library Committee; Vice Provost; Acting Provost and later Director of Development. He loved the community at King's, and connected with people of all ages and backgrounds. The Chapel was one of his great joys. A chorister and organist at his local church when growing up, John sang with his daughter Catherine (KC 2000) in what was informally called 'King's Cantata Choir' in 1995. Soon after, Stephen Cleobury decided to establish the College's permanent mixed choir, King's Voices, in which John sang for many years. A generous gift from John's estate will support the College in various ways, but especially Music at King's and the College Choirs.



ABOVE: John Barber singing in Chapel with King's Voices in 2017.

INCLUDING A LEGACY TO KING'S IN YOUR WILL

Legacies are vital to the future of the College. If you are creating or updating your Will, please consider including King's College Cambridge as a beneficiary.

A legacy is an opportunity for you to ensure that what you care about lives on. As a charity, leaving a gift to King's could have tax advantages for your estate too.

The College is grateful for gifts of all sizes. A gift could be a fixed sum amount of money (a pecuniary gift), something specific, or a share of whatever is left after all debts and other gifts have been made (a residual gift).

For more information, to start a conversation or for a copy of our 'Your Legacy' brochure, please visit kings.cam.ac.uk/legacy, email legacies@kings.cam.ac.uk or call **+44(0)1223 331481**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE KING'S CAMPAIGN ADVISORY BOARD



Thank you for giving to King's.

The scale of what our Campaign is achieving is impressive. Your generosity is helping students from the widest range of backgrounds embark on the unique educational journey that changed the lives of so many of us. It's ensuring that there's funding for student hardship,

and that more graduate students can be supported to do their best work. It's enabling King's Fellows and CRAs to do more ground-breaking research, and exceptional teaching. And it's helping us to protect and preserve our environment, and make our beautiful historic buildings more energy efficient and fit for the future.

Of course, our job is not yet done. Thanks to your collective generosity and the superb leadership of Michael Proctor, at the time of writing the King's Campaign has raised a fantastic £87.8 million. Now as we start a new chapter of the King's story under Gillian Tett, we want to exceed our goal of £100 million, and do even more.

We are all part of an extraordinary continuum stretching back for nearly 600 years. Thanks to your support, that is now reaching forward to help the King's generations to come.

Sarah Legg (KC 1986)

THANK YOU

Five years ago we launched the King's Campaign, to raise £100 million and shape the College's future. It was a hugely ambitious target. We are not quite there yet, but to date we have raised over £87 million – far exceeding many original expectations!

The success of the Campaign is due to your vision and generosity, and to the leadership of Michael Proctor, who stepped down as Provost in September. Mike's contribution to King's and his commitment to the Campaign, our staff, students, Fellows, alumni and friends has been outstanding and he has been an inspiration to us all.

Over £87 million is a game-changing amount. Along with much else it is enabling us to inspire more brilliant students, support them through their journey here, and equip them for life beyond King's. And at a time of growing financial pressures, your gifts are helping us provide hardship assistance where it is most needed.

This financial year we received £5.7 million in funding and a total of £4.5 million in new gifts and pledges; a



great testament to your faith in us. We are incredibly grateful to all who give regularly, at any level – there are many of you who start to give very soon after leaving King's, and in some cases have been donating for nearly 50 years now!

On behalf of everyone at King's, thank you.

Lorraine Headen

Lorraine Headen
Director of Development and Fellow

THE KING'S CAMPAIGN SO FAR

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
King's Campaign public phase announced with transformational £33.6m gift to build new graduate accommodation and launch of Student Access and Support Initiative (SASI)	£200k donated for new access initiatives £200k gift for an undergraduate studentship £600k in donations for graduate studentships £1.2m support for research £1.2m support for specific initiatives including an MPhil studentship for refugees £475k support for the Choir £250k towards the renovation of the Gibbs Building	£300k gift for a new Summer Research Programme for undergraduates £250k for graduate support £120k support for a College Research Associate £245k towards the Future Fund £440k support for the Chapel and Choir £750k to establish the King's Entrepreneurship Lab	£80k for undergraduate student support £180k for graduate support £380k support for research £145k gift to the Choir £3.5m gift to conserve the Chapel £550k donation to support entrepreneurial projects	£100k to support music composition £100k towards the Future Fund £250k to establish new fund to support students estranged from their families outside of term £60k to establish Childcare Fund for graduate students £62.5k to establish Medical Student Hardship Fund £1.5m gift to the Entrepreneurship Lab and programmes	£62.5k towards access £325k support for graduate students £285k support for College teaching £500k towards the Turing Programme £100k gifts to 50 Years of Women at King's Fund £300k gift to conserve the Chapel

Thank you for your support of King's College. We are honoured to recognise all gifts to the College. For outstanding philanthropy, often over the course of a lifetime, donors may be invited to join the **1441 Foundation**.

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