AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR

It is a great pleasure to introduce this new edition of the King’s Philanthropy Report, as we look back over what has been an exceptional year for the College – and one to which so many of you have contributed in so many ways.

One of my principal aims as Provost is to ensure that King’s can continue to thrive as the very special place it is, and to develop in new and exciting directions.

Last December we launched the King’s Campaign, to raise £100 million to shape the next stage in the College’s future. The Campaign looks to ensure that we can continue to encourage and support the most talented applicants from the greatest range of under-represented and diverse backgrounds; deliver world-class teaching and research; and protect and enhance our unique heritage. It is due to the generosity, involvement, support and commitment of our donors, alumni and friends that we have raised more than £67 million to date, well over half way to our goal.

Thank you – every contribution, small or large, and in whatever way, matters; and every gift makes a difference. We are profoundly grateful.

As you read this, the first occupants of our new graduate accommodation at Cranmer Road have moved in, thanks to the gift of £33.6 million from an alumnus which has also enabled us to kick-start our new transformational Student Access and Support Initiative. Because of this exceptional gift and many others, the new academic year has seen students arriving to begin their Cambridge education who would not otherwise be coming to King’s – a fundamental part of our mission. Recent planning permission to build more accommodation at Croft Gardens will also mean that on completion we will be able to house all our students under a King’s roof for the first time in our history.

In addition, we have celebrated gifts to fund new Junior Research Fellowships, new undergraduate studentships and new graduate support; alongside funding towards the maintenance of our historic estate.

King’s is in good shape to rise to the challenges of our times; but challenges there are, and we still have much to do. We depend upon your help. Along with our renewed thanks, we invite you to be involved in the making of the next chapter of King’s history.

Michael Proctor
Provost
WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER

Philanthropy raised in financial year

Total: £25,530,492
of which expendable in year: £6,315,416

Origin of donation (number of gifts)

- Members: 6,315
  - Visitors and Friends: 8,464
  - Trusts and Foundations: 44

Origin of donation (value of gifts)

- Members: £24,193,224
  - Visitors and Friends: £1,009,729
  - Trusts and Foundations: £327,539

14 student callers took part in this year’s Telephone Campaign, raising £197,042

21 new Legators totalling £4.5 million in new legacy pledges (in addition to the £25.5 million raised)

£221,116 claimed in Gift Aid. Thank you for your declarations!

9,348 donors in total

396 new donors (Members and Friends)

812 regular donors

13% of Members made a philanthropic gift

£25,530,492 raised this year!

THANK YOU!

All data taken from the Financial Year 2018-2019

THE KING’S CAMPAIGN

£67 million raised so far for our Campaign priorities

- Encouraging the Brightest and Best
- Protecting and Enhancing our Heritage
- Empowering Minds
- Fostering Innovation

£67 million

£100 million
Our mission has always been equality of access and equality of opportunity. King’s opened its doors to women in 1972 and last year offered 80% of its places to state school students. And now we can do more to welcome and support students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds – who make up 30% of the UK population – and ensure greater access to Cambridge for talented students regardless of their financial circumstances.”

Tim Flack, Senior Tutor

The new Student Access and Support Initiative (SASI) will transform our ability to improve access and ensure that bright and tenacious students can feel welcomed and thrive here. We have increased our undergraduate intake and will be supporting talented students from less-privileged backgrounds to attain the required A-level grades and to make the most of their time at Cambridge.

A £33.6 million gift from a King’s alumnus, which marked the launch of the King’s Campaign, has financed the building of two new halls of residence on Cranmer Road with the rental income providing funding for new student access and support.

Further to this remarkable seed funding, SASI has already received generous contributions from Alan Davison (KC 1975) and Elizabeth Desmond, and Dr. Janice Light (KC 1975).

Coming together to provide A-level tutoring
A group of alumni from Class of 1977 decided to support an initiative to broaden access to the College, and to encourage and support applications from promising candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds who receive offers but fail to achieve the grades required. Coming from schools without the resources to prepare students for Cambridge is often an added hurdle, so providing mentoring to support the students’ preparation for A-levels could level the playing field.

The Class of 1977 Fund aims to give approximately 25 promising but disadvantaged applicants, who have been offered conditional King’s places, their best chance to gain the required grades.

Bridging the gap to improve attainment
The Chaffield Shaw Trust is supporting the intensive Summer Bridging Programme to improve attainment for socially and economically disadvantaged offer holders who just make or just miss their offer grades, to introduce them to the teaching methods and environment of a Cambridge College.

Inspiring new donors and doubling the impact of gifts through the Harding Challenge
From 1 August 2019, gifts of all sizes (up to £100,000) from new donors towards any aspect of student support can now unlock – pound for pound – an additional contribution to a special fund established by University donors David and Claudia Harding for undergraduate financial support. So, alongside benefitting students at King’s, this initiative ensures more can now be done for students in greatest need across Collegiate Cambridge.
During his PhD Apinan Hasthanasombat (pictured on the front cover) hopes to take the work of Judea Pearl and Donald Rubin in causal inference forward and find practical uses for their frameworks in health data. At King's Apinan has served as International Students Officer and is currently Computer Officer for the KCGS.

Thanks to an initiative devised and supported by Ben Reiter (KC 2002) and Alice Goldman Reiter, the King’s-Yale Fellowship has been established to fully fund a graduating undergraduate student from Yale University to study for a one-year full-time Master’s course at King’s College. Selected by Yale University, the successful candidate will actively contribute to College and University life and hope to use their broadened perspectives on the world in a future career in public service or the arts, including writing and journalism.

Extending the support for undergrads to combat entrenched social and economic disadvantage
A brand new scholarship funded by a King’s alumna and her husband is financially supporting a first-year student throughout her undergraduate studies. The scholarship will alleviate the economic pressures of university life for the most deserving student, based on multiple socioeconomic criteria, covering tuition fees and providing a maintenance grant as well as an additional amount during vacation periods.

A Pilot Top-up Bursary Scheme was launched in October 2018 to provide additional support to students from low and middle-income households. This scheme, made possible thanks to generous donations from King’s Members and run alongside thirteen other Cambridge Colleges, hopes to make a difference to the student experience, helping those who would otherwise get little or no support from existing bursaries but still live with financial anxiety.

Bringing world-class research students to King’s and making sure they can thrive here
Two recent graduate programmes are helping King’s attract world-class research students: the first has been made possible by Hartley Rogers and Amy Falls and the second by Christopher Hodson (KC 1985) and a generous anonymous donor.

In her research, Carly Rodgers (pictured on the front cover) explores the intersection of interventional development practice and the Latin American circumstance, with particular focus on Brazil. Since arriving at Cambridge in October 2018, Carly was invited to speak on a panel entitled “Between Activism and Academia” and elected Women’s Officer for the KCGS.

“Being at King’s has given me exposure to a breadth of upcoming research trends and ideas that may help shape the world in the future. At the same time it also allows for the freedom to pave my own research direction, something I truly appreciate. I was once told that we become the average of the five people we spend most time with, being here you’d wish that number was higher!”

Apinan Hasthanasombat, CPGS/PhD in Computer Science

Women’s rowing is looking up
To raise the competitiveness of King’s rowing, with focus on the women’s first team in particular, Dr Mark Pigott KBE (KC 2009) is supporting the purchase of a new Stämpfli VIII racing boat – to be named Muse of Fire after Shakespeare’s Henry V – as well as training equipment for the Boat House. All Men’s and Women’s teams remained highly motivated throughout last year, but this new equipment will help them raise their game significantly!

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Conservation of Library and Archive special collection items

King’s College Library has been in continuous existence since the foundation of the College in 1441, preserving many rare books and manuscript treasures but also serving the current needs of all members of the College.

Undertaking interventive conservation work on the individual collection items that require it is one of the priorities of the Library and Archives, with a substantial list of rare books and manuscripts dating from the 15th century.

Sir Nicholas Goodison (KC 1955) is generously supporting this conservation work.

One of the first conservation projects was a manuscript book from 1453 which included an early inventory of College valuables, particularly related to the Chapel. The book was transformed from disbound and vulnerable individual parchment leaves to a stunning volume complete with hand-carved seasoned oak covers and white leather binding, recreating a late medieval-style binding but specially designed so the volume can be opened flat without causing damage.

Much of the Library and Archives conservation work is done through the Cambridge Colleges Conservation Consortium (CCCC), a not-for-profit collaborative body that provides specialist care on a variety of materials to ensure the continued accessibility of the College collections.

The new Andrew W. Mellon Junior Research Fellowships

Enabling our academics to continue to engage in world-changing research is one of the priorities of the King’s Campaign, and Junior Research Fellowships allow the most able and imaginative young scholars to come to King’s and establish their career and be nurtured while carrying out their chosen research projects.

To honour Danielle Allen (KC 1993) and her extraordinary research career, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation have funded two Junior Research Fellowships on the topics of Punishment and Prejudice, two areas which demand urgent attention as social as well as intellectual problems. By having post-doctoral Fellows working side by side commencing in the academic year 2020/2021, we hope to raise awareness and stimulate wide discussion within and beyond King’s and Cambridge.

Getting together on Welfare Day

On a sunny February Sunday, halfway through the infamously stressful Lent term, Welfare Day gave students an opportunity to unwind while taking part in multiple activities throughout the College. From pet therapy, a bouncy castle and a picnic on the back lawn to live music, stand-up comedy, VR games, massages and various crafts all around the College: the Welfare Officers of the KCSU and the KCGS carefully planned the day and set up an ‘information station’ where students could enquire about mental health support in College and across the University.

Supported by the Class of 1985 Fund, Welfare Day has greatly impacted the wellbeing of students over the last three years.

Paying homage to Alan Turing’s pioneering work

The Alan Turing Initiative is receiving the support of individual and corporate donors to enable the creation of a vibrant cluster of expertise, attracting the brightest minds who will, through their discoveries and creativity, provide a lasting testament to the man and his work.

The Alan Turing Studentships are attracting the most promising scholars from around the world who wish to delve deeper into their subjects, supported by leaders in the field. The first Alan Turing MPhil scholar, Maja Trebacz (pictured left), has been generously supported by Yorkshire-based healthcare software company The Phoenix Partnership (TPP), while the support of retail software company Enactor has allowed us to establish the Alan Turing PhD Studentship.

The annual Alan Turing Lecture, which is being supported by the Stanley Foundation, was given by Daniel J. Bernstein and focused on post-quantum cryptography. Before the lecture, attendees could visit the College Archives to view an exhibition featuring Alan Turing’s papers and a working replica of the Enigma Machine.

“We believe the Alan Turing at King’s initiative is a fantastic way to celebrate the life and achievements of this great mathematician and we’re proud to be one of its sponsors. We look forward to being part of the events and academic activity that this project will inspire.”

The Phoenix Partnership

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Conservation of rare books to make them more accessible

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During the past year our rare Rare Book Cataloguer Iman Javadi has been focussing mainly on the books from the fifteenth to seventeenth centuries, which includes the College’s important collection of over 200 incunabula — the first books ever printed between 1455 and 1500.

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“The Michaelmas Term has brought the start of a new era, with the arrival of former Organ Scholar Daniel Hyde (KC 2000) as Sir Stephen Cleobury’s successor and steward of the College’s unique musical heritage.

It was an extraordinary pleasure to work alongside Sir Stephen. I valued immensely his willingness and enjoyment in teaching undergraduates and the spirit in which he approached his role as Organist and Director of Music: as conductor, composer, arranger, performer and able administrator.”

Nicholas Marston, Vice-Provost

As part of the King’s Campaign, we aim to establish endowments for the Fellowship of the Director of Music and for Choristers, and have started receiving the support of former Choral Scholars, alumni and friends across the world who enjoy the work of our Choir.

By creating endowments for the Choristers we will enable boys from all backgrounds to apply to the Choir, increasing the number and diversity of those auditioning.

Celebrating 100 years of A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The College recording label marked the 100th anniversary of A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, the service that brings the joy of Christmas to many around the world, with two remarkable recordings.

John Tod OBE (KC 1965) and Ian Boag supported the live recording of the 100th Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service held in the Chapel on Christmas Eve, while Professor Stephen Friend and his family decided to support the production of a two-disc commemorative album of the Festival, featuring historic carols recorded by the BBC alongside more recent recordings by Sir Stephen Cleobury and the Choir.

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Lorraine Headen, Director of Development and Fellow

Supporting the College in the past and in the future
King’s is immensely grateful to have received a very generous gift towards the Future Fund, a legacy from the late Heather Dixon.

The Future Fund allows the Bursar and College to address immediate needs without restriction, or to invest donations to the Fund into the general endowment, generating additional funding in future years.

Heather Dixon (née Spittle), daughter of a Fellow of Pembroke, married Dr Hal Dixon (KC 1946) in King’s Chapel in 1957. Heather qualified as a nurse in London in the 1950s and worked there and in Cambridge before she married. She was also a lifelong supporter of the Girl Guide movement, serving as County Commissioner for Cambridgeshire in the 1980s. Hal was elected a Fellow of King’s at the early age of 25, became Director of Studies in Natural Sciences in 1961 and served three times as Vice-Provost. Hal and Heather’s hospitality at their Cambridge home was legendary, and they hosted innumerable events there and in King’s for students, Fellows and staff.

In addition to Heather’s legacy gift, the family has offered the College two bronze-resin portrait heads of Hal and Heather by the sculptor Jemma Pearson, to be displayed in the Hal Dixon Room in Gibbs.

Above: Hal and Heather Dixon in King’s Chapel on their wedding day, 1957.

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The Entrepreneurship Prize 2019 awards two social enterprises
We launched the Entrepreneurship Prize five years ago to help King’s Members turn creativity and know-how into sustainable commercial and social benefit. In addition to the three main prizes, we offer feedback to all competitors, and mentorship and funding advice to those who reach the final shortlist.

This year’s Entrepreneurship Prize jointly awarded Asan and WaterScope, two social enterprises that address feminine hygiene and poor water sanitation in developing countries. The grant will help both projects, founded by Ira Guha (KC 2011) and Alexander Patto (KC 2012) respectively, get off the ground.

“The competition has been hugely helpful in developing Asan’s business model. I received detailed feedback from judges and mentors at each stage, which has helped to refine and improve the model over time.”

Ira Guha, founder of first prize winner Asan

This exciting initiative, supported by the Stuart Lyons Fund for Entrepreneurship, has gone from strength to strength, and Adrian Suggett (KC 1985) generously sponsored the 2019 prizes.

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