



JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD



*Jesus College  
Development Fund  
Summer 2009*



# Message from the Principal



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Jesus College is a very special place. It is academically inspiring but down-to-earth, it celebrates both individuality and community and it encourages the best students regardless of background or financial situation. We are proud of the College's achievements and the extraordinary opportunity that the College can give to young people.

As competition for the best minds and for funding grows, we cannot afford to stand still. We have set an exciting agenda of development to ensure that Jesus College can continue to be an outstanding academic institution and community.

To achieve our aims, we need new sources of funding, so we are launching the Jesus College Development Fund to raise regular income to support the College's work.

The Fund will provide support for the vital everyday activities of the College, from maintaining our historic site as a practical place to work and study, to ensuring students are not deterred from studying here by financial circumstances. An annual fund cycle from August to July each year will follow this initial appeal.

By putting together donations of all sizes, each contribution can really make a difference. By persuading one in three Old Members to contribute an average of £25 per month, the College will receive over £650,000 a year, enough to:

- cover access bursaries for all those that need them
- support four graduate scholarships
- pay five tutors
- refurbish 20 rooms
- fund all of the sporting and cultural activities of the College.

We want to ensure that future generations of Jesus College students will flourish as others have in the past. Over the years the generosity of benefactors has enabled the brightest students to benefit from the rich educational experience that Jesus College has to offer. Please help continue this tradition by giving your support to the College today.

Lord Krebs  
Principal



*"Beyond showing appreciation for a great experience, the monthly donation is a selfish decision – it is an amount of money that won't make a material difference to my life, but which gives me a tangible sense of contribution to a place that lines up well with lots of things I believe in. I like the idea that I can be a small sponsor of Jesus' next great humanitarian, scientist, entrepreneur or prime minister. Particularly since they are so much more likely to have their feet on the ground than the future leaders they rub shoulders with from other colleges! It's probably the best round of drinks I don't buy every month."*

Anonymous (2000)

## Did you know?

Over the last four years, 60% of our undergraduate offers have been made to state school students, compared with 54% for the University as a whole.

# Supporting Jesus College

## Teaching and research

The tutorial system is the hallmark of an Oxford education. It offers students unique access to world-class academics and researchers in their field and is, inevitably, a costly form of teaching. As Oxford's emphasis on research continues to grow, it is increasingly falling to colleges to support tutorial teaching.

To attract the best graduates to study at Jesus, we seek to offer fully- and part-funded scholarships. There is a particular need to find support for graduates in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, where funding from government is limited.

The College also seeks to offer grants to assist Fellows with undertaking and promoting their research. Grants are given to fund seminars, to undertake projects and to participate in international meetings for which no other source of funding is available.

## Access bursaries and student support

We want to ensure that no students are discouraged from studying at Jesus because of cost. The College offers access bursaries which range from £200 to £600 a year depending on household income. These are given automatically to any student eligible for bursaries awarded by the University on the basis of means testing. Around one in five students at the College currently receives access bursaries at some level.

An access bursary can make an enormous difference, enabling an individual to participate fully during their time at Oxford without financial concerns.

*"Embarking on an academic career can be intimidating, exhilarating and overwhelming, to say the least. As a recipient of the Clarendon Fund Scholarship [a University of Oxford award] and the Old Members' Award, I feel uniquely a part of Jesus College. It has opened the door to innumerable research possibilities and has allowed me to fully immerse myself in my work without having to worry about financial obligations. More importantly, meeting the members of the Years to 1969 Group has made tangible just how extensive the support network at Jesus College really is. It inspires me to contribute to future generations at Jesus College!"*

Mary Kim Ngo (2008) DPhil, Experimental Psychology



## Did you know?

The College is currently 8th in the Norrington Table, which ranks colleges according to the performance of their students in Finals. The College aspires to be in the top five.



*"It may seem bizarre for a working employee of the College to set up a direct debit to give money back*

*to it, but I wanted to indicate in however minor and symbolic a way my sense of gratitude for things received, which amount to much more than a mere wage. I also wanted to be part of this campaign because it is responding directly to the fact that funds need to be raised in order to ensure that past and current conditions of teaching and research are maintained. Finally, I know that future growth can't happen without grassroots support – and without twisting the metaphor out of recognition, as a fellow I think I'm probably located somewhere in that root system, and I do hope that we can grow a lawn at the very least, and perhaps even a pasture."*

Dr Caroline Warman, Fellow and Tutor in French





*"The Jesus College access bursary makes socio-economic class something of a non-issue in Jesus. No one need be stigmatised because of their background. I only hope that in the future I will be able to make donations to the same scheme to help others as much as it has helped me."*

Danny Riding (2007) History

## *Buildings and infrastructure*

Aside from any major capital projects, like the Ship Street Centre, maintaining and improving the College's built environment is one of our largest operating costs. Each year, the College needs to refurbish a proportion of student accommodation. We also need to undertake smaller projects which make a difference to students' quality of experience, such as new bike sheds, or improve the College's environmental performance, such as fitting meters in every staircase and flat to help manage electricity usage.



## *The Oxford experience*

The social, cultural and sporting life of College is a crucial part of the Oxford experience. We want to ensure that future generations of students enrich their lives in the same way as past members have done. Specifically, we seek funds to support sporting activities, music and creative pursuits.

## *Where the need is greatest*

The relative importance of these priorities can change and we particularly welcome undesignated donations so we can apply them where the need is greatest.

## *Did you know?*

Over the last five years, the College's endowment performance was second best of the 36 Colleges, with an average total return of 15.7%, against a median performance of 10.2%. However, endowment income is not keeping pace with rising costs and the falling value of Government support.



## *Did you know?*

Undergraduate applicant numbers at Jesus have gone up 49% in the last five years.

The College's graduate population of 158 students comes from 33 countries.

# Making an impact

## *Donations of all sizes really can make an impact*

**£60** provides an award for a sports person to use towards kit or travel

**£100** funds a student to participate in the Choir tour

**£200 – £600** supports an access bursary for one year

**£700** pays for the installation of one electricity meter to contribute to the College's commitment to reduce its carbon footprint

**£1,500** provides a graduate bursary

**£10,000** refurbishes a student room and a share of bathroom and kitchen costs

**£22,000** supports a fully-funded graduate studentship for one year

*"The regular giving by the Years to 1969 Group has supported bursaries and awards for 85 students over the years.*

*It demonstrates how many smaller donations can have a significant impact. We are delighted to help those fortunate enough to follow in our footsteps at College, and we know our support makes a difference – the students say so! It also gives us a highly enjoyable way to be part of today's College community."*

Malcolm McIvor (1961)  
Chair of the Years to 1969 Group



## *Recognising your support*

All donors:

- receive a thank you letter
- are acknowledged in the College's new annual report
- receive a copy of the annual report, which will outline how the contributions to the Fund have been used
- are recognised on an annual donor board in College.

*Requests for anonymity are respected.*

The College has established a 1571 Society for donors contributing more than £1,571 a year. For UK taxpayers, this equates to a monthly donation of £102 or more plus Gift Aid (and less than £80 a month if you are higher rate tax payer). Members of the 1571 Society:

- are invited to one exclusive event per year, in the form of a concert, a lunch/dinner in the Lodgings or a reception at a private venue in London
- are listed as members of the 1571 Society on the donor board in College
- receive a small gift bearing the College crest.

## *Did you know?*

Jesus College, Oxford is an Exempt Charity for the purpose of charity legislation. The College's charitable status means that you can maximise the value of any gift by tapping into the tax breaks available for charitable giving.



# Making a donation



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You can make a gift to the College in the following ways:

**Regular gifts:** You can set up monthly, quarterly or annual direct debits and help us greatly by providing regular income.

**Single gifts:** You can make a one-off donation by debit or credit card or by sending a cheque payable to Jesus College Oxford. We also welcome CAF cheques.

**Pledging a legacy:** Leaving a legacy to Jesus College is a lasting way to assist the College in the future and one that is also free from inheritance tax. A simple wording is available on the website or please contact the Development Office team to be sent further information about legacy giving.

**Gifts of shares:** These are particularly tax efficient ways of giving as they are free of both Income and Capital Gains Tax.

**Giving from abroad:** You can find numerous tax efficient channels for donations from overseas at the College's alumni website.

## Gift Aid donations

If you **Gift Aid** your donation, Jesus College receives an additional 28p for every pound donated. If you are a higher rate tax payer, you can also reclaim tax back on your donation.

## Match funding

- If you have not made a donation to the College between 2005 and 2008, now is a very good time to do so as we can receive matching funding from the UK Government. Jesus College can claim £1 for every £3 of new donations up to a cap of approximately £30,000.
- Many companies match the donations of their employees, so please ask your employer if such a scheme is offered in your workplace. It could double the impact of your gift.

## Oxford Thinking

All donations to Jesus College contribute to the University's Oxford Thinking campaign, which aims to raise £1.25 billion for the Collegiate University.

Jesus College, Oxford is an Exempt Charity as defined by Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993.

## Did you know?

Jesus College's endowment subsidises the undergraduate experience by approximately £4,500 per student per year.



For advice about making a donation, please contact the Development Office team:

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