The support of our alumni and friends is crucial to Trinity Hall’s continued success now and in the future, and the College has a good record in that regard already. But there is still much to do! The years of full state funding for higher education in the United Kingdom have long gone, and the cost of a Cambridge education falls much more heavily on the College’s own resources than it did in the past. You have been part of the terrific support we have received in the past, and we hope that you will be able to support us again. Your help is of great importance to us, and of course to the current generation of students. We hope this report shows the difference donations have made to the College community. Thank you again for all you have done for the College, and as we hope, for whatever you may be able to do in the future.

Jeremy Morris

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WITH THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Here is an update on what’s been happening in College over the past year, thanks to you:

“Support from Trinity Hall allowed me to attend the ‘Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies’ conference in Oxford University to present my MPhil research on childhood and humanitarianism in the Za’atari refugee camp, Jordan to a new audience that provided unique feedback. The conference was vital in growing my academic and practitioner networks as I embark upon my PhD, and these new contacts have shared with me a diverse array of perspectives from which to approach my research that I would not have been able to obtain from within Cambridge University alone.”

Melissa Gatter (2016)

Student Support – providing opportunities

The academic year started generously as the incoming 2016 year received a book token from their 1966 counterparts. The new students were delighted to receive the gift and Sophia (pictured above) was one of our students who wrote a personal note of thanks to those who had made this gift possible. She thanked 1966 for the “kindness and generosity in giving us all a book token” and that it had “helped lessen the burden of spending”.

Donations towards student support have also enabled students to undertake fieldwork as part of their research and travel to conferences, which they would otherwise not be able to do.

Over £735,000 was awarded as grants or studentships in 2016/17.
Refurbishment and resources – preserving our heritage

College Buildings
There is a continuous programme to restore and improve the fabric of the College. Top of the to-do list last summer was the replacement of the roof coverings on H and I to restore the integrity of the roof, as we were suffering regular water ingress into the upper floor rooms.

The original slate pitched roof coverings were failing; nail rot meant that slate fixings were corroding and breaking off, and the slates themselves were becoming friable in many areas. The leadwork gutters were suffering from stress cracking (through thermal expansion / contraction), due to the bays being too large for the thickness of lead used and the copper roof was becoming worn. Additionally the parapet copings were deteriorating. The re-roofing project followed prior work to stabilise the chimneys.

Donations from alumni enable us to undertake such works to ensure we can maintain the integrity of our historic buildings.

Russell Waller
Head of Buildings and Services

Supporting Clubs and Societies – nurturing potential

The College Choir
The last 12 months has been an exciting time for Trinity Hall Chapel Choir; alongside their regular contribution to the life of College Chapel they have undertaken a hugely successful concert tour of Tuscany, and have released – to great critical acclaim – their fantastic new CD recording ‘The English Orpheus’ featuring music by the prodigious English Restoration composer, Henry Purcell.

As Director of Music, the opportunity to share some of the great riches of the choral repertoire with our students here at Trinity Hall, to nurture their esprit de corps as a choir and to witness their excitement and pride in exceeding their own musical expectations is a great joy and privilege. Thank you!

Andrew Arthur
Director of Music

The Library
Progress is underway on cataloguing our medieval manuscripts and we hope to publish an illustrated catalogue of the medieval manuscripts of Trinity Hall when the project has been completed. We are pleased to say that our project to catalogue the printed books in the Old Library is due to be finished in December 2017. This enables us to provide an online catalogue of the unique resources in the Library, opening them up to a worldwide audience.

Each year we add about 900 new books to the shelves and the installation of rolling stacks on the lower ground floor in 2016 has given us much needed additional shelf space. The Library was refurbished in July 2017: the Reading Room has been redecorated and is looking splendid, as are the newly reupholstered blue chairs on the first floor. The Mezzanine has been brightened up with purple window seats and colourful scatter cushions.

Dominique Ruhlmann
Director of Library Services
THE TELEPHONE Campaign

We are indebted to those of you who choose to take part in our annual Telephone Campaign. This year our student team greatly enjoyed engaging conversations with 481 of you. We are grateful for your generosity both in terms of financial support and also by offering careers advice to our students via our Careers Network. Your overwhelming support has a marked effect on the College community in the next academic year. Thank you.

“I am not only ‘phoning for the future’, to enable others to benefit as I have done, but also phoning for myself; phoning as a way to say ‘thank you’ for everything that I have benefitted from. The telethon has enabled me to do this: to secure future aid and to say thank you for the wonderful experiences I have had so far and hope to continue to have here at Trinity Hall!”

Genevieve Cox (2014)