I continue to be moved and delighted by the way in which alumni and friends of Trinity Hall support the College materially. What you have done is crucial to the College’s success now and in the future, and our achievements in fundraising have been remarkable. But we still have a long way to go to protect the standard of education we deliver to our undergraduate and graduate students, and to see them prosper as individuals, who can go on to make a difference in the world at large. This is particularly pressing when State funding for higher education in the United Kingdom is on the slide, and when the challenges the world faces on so many levels seem to mount up, year on year. So we hope that you will continue to support us; we as a College are so grateful to you for all you have done so far. This report shows the impact your donations have made to the College community. Thank you again for all you have done for the Hall in the past, and as we hope, for whatever you may be able to do in the future.

THE REVD DR JEREMY MORRIS
WITH THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

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

STUDENT SUPPORT

Providing opportunities

Our aims as a College are to ensure no talented student is deterred from attending Trinity Hall because of adverse financial circumstances, and to enable all our students to fulfil their potential so that they can help change the world for the better. Our student support funds play a key role in ensuring that no student suffers because of unexpected financial hardship and in enabling as many talented graduate students as possible to pursue their research.

Last year, 89 of our undergraduates received a Cambridge Bursary. These are grants for those from the lowest income households to help students with living costs. The bursary consists of funds from the University and College, and does not have to be repaid. This plays a significant role in relieving students of financial worry and ensuring all students can have a complete Cambridge experience.

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REFURBISHMENT AND RESOURCES

Preserving our heritage

Our buildings

Our historic buildings are an important part of the College’s identity and must be preserved through a rolling programme of maintenance and refurbishment. The buildings play a key role in the wellbeing of our students and, as such, must provide a comfortable and inspiring learning environment.

Support from alumni enables us to carry out works to conserve our built heritage. Over the last year we have re-roofed S staircase on Central Site and the roofs of Coote House and Lodge Cottage at Wychfield. In Launcelot Fleming and Walter Christie accommodation blocks, we re-laid the bathroom floors and redecorated the kitchens, making them more suitable for today’s needs. Elsewhere at Wychfield, 8 out of the 12 staircases have been redecorated and the remaining redocoration will continue next summer.

We have also been able to release rooms to provide a space for our Welfare Team on Central Site. We are committed to the pastoral care of our students. Having such a space available has made a huge improvement to the welfare provision we offer and the wellbeing of our student community. This has earned Trinity Hall the reputation of offering some of the most comprehensive pastoral care in Cambridge.

All those naming a chair in the Dining Hall help to support our ongoing programme of improvements to our historic buildings. On behalf of the current and future generations who benefit from our beautiful grounds, thank you.

Trinity Hall College Archive

Many of the items in the Archive, including some of the College’s oldest and most important records, are in extremely poor condition. This is as a result of the challenges of humidity, light damage, pollution and even pest infestation because of poor storage environments in the past. Like every archive, on-going work is required to conserve the College’s most important records. This is an important part of Trinity Hall’s history and must be preserved for future generations.

We are fortunate to be able to draw on the expertise of the Cambridge Conservation Consortium. The generous support of alumni allows us to undertake a small number of repairs each year. The College Order Book dates back to 1699 and contains the earliest records of decisions taken by the College. The College’s Governing Body Minutes only go back to 1874 which makes the Order Book an item of singular importance in understanding the history of the College.

This year, the Order Book was mechanically cleaned, the volume dismounted, pins removed from paper documents in the volume, and repairs were made to the paper. New stitching was needed and the spine was rounded and lined, with new endbacks constructed, new backing placed on the volume, with the old leather spine reintegrated. Finally, a protective phase box was constructed to preserve the book.
SUPPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Nurturing potential

We believe in the importance of an all-round education to develop the skills of our students, which can then be put to good use in much wider contexts.

Funding made available to the JCR is used to keep sport accessible to all undergraduates. Examples include novice rowers having their fees halved, women’s football having their extra training with a town club subsidised, and more facility time for our growing badminton club. We are grateful for donations that enabled us to re-surface the tennis courts at Wychfield.

With your help, our conversation and lecturing societies also grew this year. Femfo, our feminist discussion group, History and Natural sciences societies all hosted highly popular events, and sponsorship ensured ticket prices were not a barrier to any student attending.

RECOGNITION FOR BENEFACTORS: Donor event dates

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019

Donors who have given over £10,000 cumulatively or donated for ten consecutive years are invited to our COMMEMORATION OF BENEFACTORS dinner.

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

Those who have given over £500,000 cumulatively are recognised as BATEMAN BENEFACTORS and invited to the Bateman Feast each year.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

Those who have given over £50,000 cumulatively are invited to join the MASTER’S CIRCLE and attend an annual dinner.

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2019

The DONORS’ FESTIVE DRINKS is for those who have given over £100 to the College in the last financial year and for the members of the NATHANAEL LLOYD SOCIETY (those who have remembered the College in their Will).

THE TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who gave so generously in this year’s Telephone Campaign. £264,633 was raised which will help make a huge difference to our student community over the next year. Further details are in the autumn edition of Front Court and online: www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/supporters/projects-and-funds/telephone-campaigns/

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