



Murray Edwards
College
University of Cambridge

Report to Donors 2017

 Your gift has helped me...
to work with
animals abroad ... 

... and learn
valuable skills for
our future
veterinary careers.

Two words, eight letters

Thank you.

We say it often and we mean it: every single gift we receive from you has a direct impact on our students. For that we are immensely grateful.

A key focus this year has been the College buildings. Having served as a home to more than 5,800 students since opening in 1965, our current buildings are starting to show their age. Thanks to your gifts to the College Priorities fund, we have been able to complete urgent boiler repairs to the core heating system in the main College building, as well as replacing all of the water heaters in Pearl House.

We are also delighted to announce that The Owen Saxton College Lectureship in Physics has now been funded and the position is in the process of being filled. Whilst Owen continues to be a vital member of our community, it means a lot to us to be able to build on his teaching and honour the positive impact he brought to so many.

Many of you have also given your time to us: taking part in our unique Gateway Programme; offering internships and work placements to our students; sitting on the New Hall Society Committee; speaking at one of our events and meeting our current students. It makes us so proud to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community - thank you.

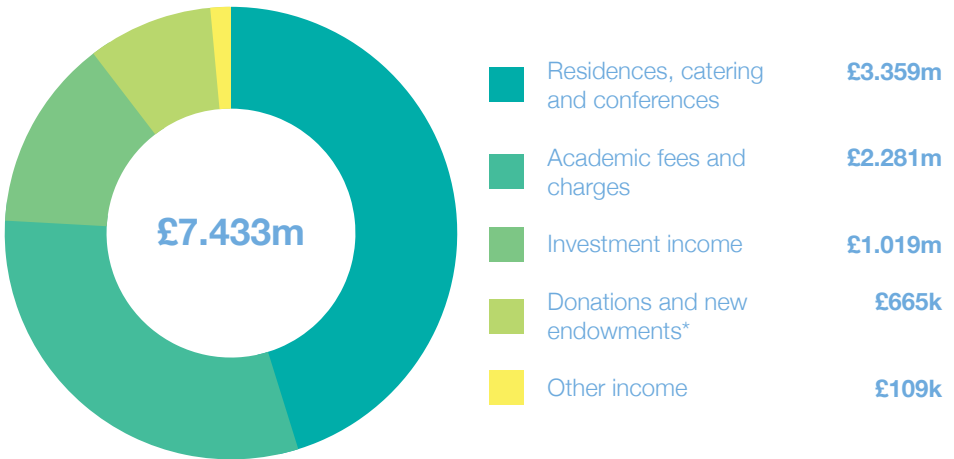
In the following pages you will find a few stories from our students and updates on our fundraising projects which we hope will begin to show you how impactful your gifts have been and how thankful we are for your kindness and generosity. Somehow, two words and eight letters just doesn't seem enough!

Thank you from all the students, Fellows and staff.

Income and expenditure 2015-2016

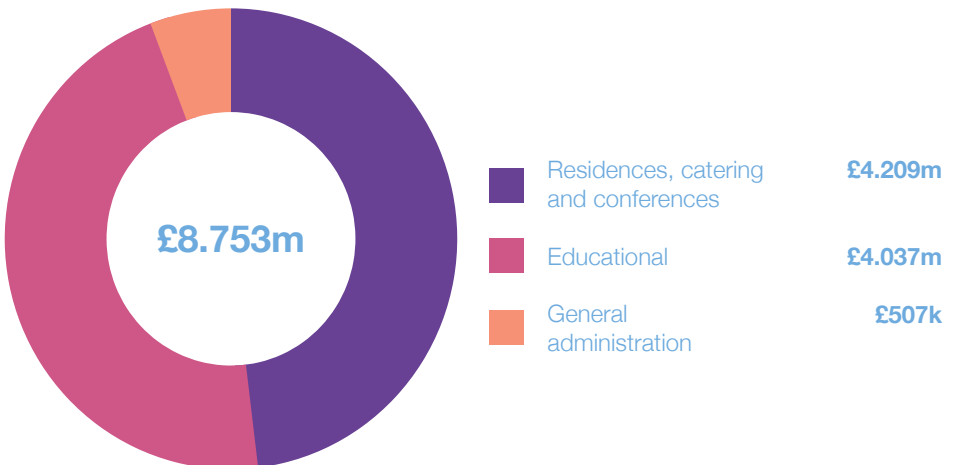
Your support enables us to provide a world-class education to women. This, in addition to income from our endowment and increased revenue from academic and conference activities, ensures we maintain our financial stability.

Income



*total includes value of art and gifts

Expenditure



Your support in numbers over the last year



234

students attended at least one **Gateway session**



13 students received **language course support**



alumnae pledged to leave a **legacy gift** to the College to date



73 **Gateway Challenges Funding awards** were offered

150 students received **support** from your donations



26

internships or work shadowing placements were offered



students received **Blues funding**



109 students qualified for a **Rosemary Murray award** (given to those achieving Firsts)



595 alumnae made a **gift** in the last financial year



112 water heaters were **replaced**

33

graduate students received **research grants**



24

alumnae volunteers were involved with the **Gateway Programme**



A photograph of two young women smiling and embracing each other in a doorway. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a pink t-shirt. The woman on the right has her hair pulled back and is wearing a colorful patterned top. They are both looking towards the camera with warm expressions. The background shows a doorway and a blue wall.

Thank you

Every gift we receive makes such a difference to our current students and Fellows, it would be impossible to share all of their stories with you, so here are just a few of the many ways your gift has made an impact.

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“Without Gateway Funding, there is no way I would have been able to spend three weeks in Tanzania this summer. I was working in an orphanage/primary school, with some of the most disadvantaged children in the city of Arusha. Not only was it an absolute privilege to be their teacher and get to know them each as individuals, but I have also struck up a friendship with the teacher we were working alongside, Mary, and am now setting up a fund to send her younger brother to secondary school. I am also continuing to learn Swahili, building on what I learnt while I was there. I will be going back to Tanzania this summer with the Cambridge Development Initiative, this time to the capital Dar es Salaam, to further explore International Development as a potential career. Without Gateway Funding, this would never have been possible. I am so, so thankful for your support.”

Rebecca Daltry, 2015 English

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"I joined Murray Edwards College this year as the Corfield Fellow in Mathematics, joint with a Faculty appointment as a Lecturer in Pure Mathematics. I am Director of Studies for all of the Murray Edwards Maths students, an exceptional group of young women with interests ranging from theoretical physics to computational biology to pure mathematics. With the support of the College, department, and donors, we are building a unique community for outstanding women in Maths that I hope will inspire young women, including potential future Murray Edwards mathematicians."

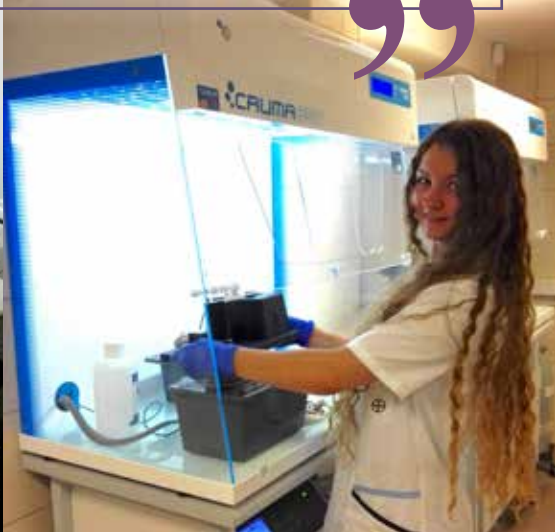
Holly Krieger, Corfield Fellow

"This summer I was fortunate to travel to Barcelona and a couple of Catalan villages thanks to the Rosemary Murray Travel and Gateway Awards. As a student of History, I am passionate about material culture, so it was great to see firsthand the objects I had previously only read about. The opportunity to handle some 16th century devotional objects really enhanced my understanding of their materiality. Not only did I study art & architecture during my travels, I was also able to practice my Catalan. I would like to thank you so much for enabling me to take this trip, it really encouraged me to continue my research in the field of material culture."

Kat Karpenko, 2014 History

"I am incredibly grateful for your donation, which gave me a chance to experience work as a voluntary research assistant in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy in Warsaw University of Technology. When I came to Cambridge I had no experience of working in laboratories. Because of that, I had no confidence in my practical classes. Now, after spending three weeks working in the same lab with leading Polish postgraduates and professors, I'm no longer overwhelmed by any complicated lab equipment. This experience really boosted my confidence as a scientist and now I'm sure I will do a PhD, something I wasn't considering as my career path before. If I hadn't received any financial support, I know I wouldn't have been able to cover my accommodation expenses and would not have been able to do this. Thanks to Gateway I know that the job of a scientist is truly my calling. I am incredibly grateful I'm in a college that supports me in such a way."

Natalia Narozanska, 2015 Natural Sciences



Update on Orchard Court funding

Before



Remember your old room at College?

Rooms in Orchard Court (also known as Old Block) have witnessed the start of lifelong friendships and much more. However, half of them still have their original flooring, heating, wiring and plumbing which has seen over 50 years' service! We've launched a renovation campaign for Orchard Court, which aims both to help alumnae share their memories of living there and also to raise funds in support of its refurbishment. Some alumnae year groups are fundraising collectively to name a room for their year, while others are sharing their memories online at www.orchard-court.org.uk and sponsoring room items such as beds, stairs, wardrobes and plants.



After

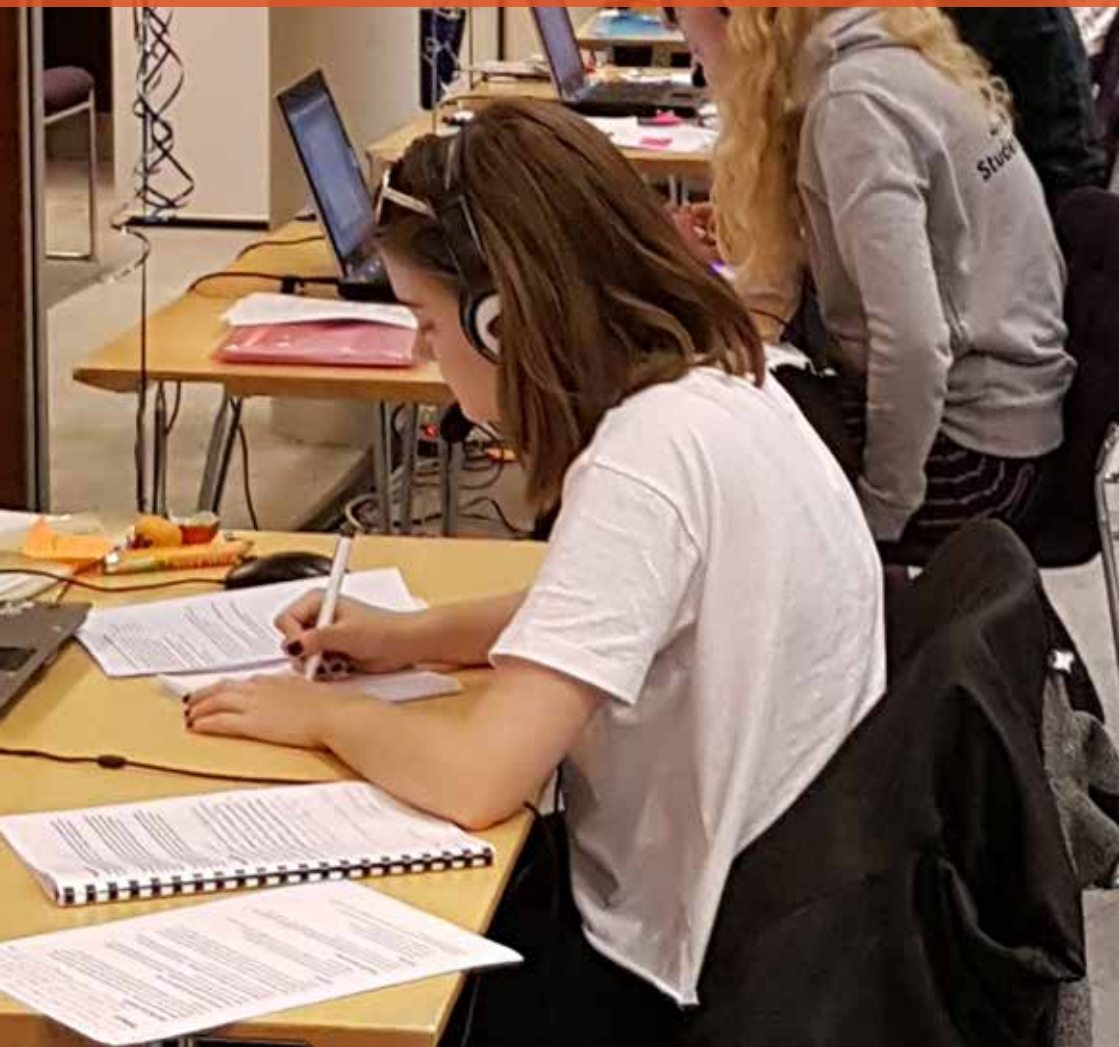
So far, we've raised over £130k, which will go towards the renovation of staircase F (formerly staircase C), one of three remaining staircases to be renovated in the building.



Telephone Campaign update

Bringing students and alumnae together is one of the great benefits of our annual telephone campaign, which took place in September 2016.

This year, 11 students enjoyed conversations with over 800 alumnae, who generously gave £248,000 to help support the College.



"I wanted to take part in the telephone campaign because talking to alumnae is such a valuable and enjoyable experience for students. Women who have been to New Hall/Murray Edwards have the best stories to tell and the best advice to give, and with every phone conversation I learnt something new. The telephone campaign is vital to the running and improvement of the College and, as students, we really do see the benefits of the gifts alumnae choose to make. I am grateful every day for what College gives me, and I would like to say a personal thank you to everyone who picked up the phone and helped to make it happen."

Beth Cross, 2015 English (far left, below)



"I took part in the Telephone Campaign in 2016 so that I could find out more about different women's experiences at New Hall/Murray Edwards, and also to help raise money for my College which has become a second home to me. It was very interesting speaking to women from a wide range of backgrounds, with a variety of fond memories of College, their studies, and the societies they took part in. One memory I heard from quite a few women was of the goldfish that used to be in the fountain. I particularly enjoyed hearing about people's current careers, and finding out just how many opportunities there are for students once they graduate. It has inspired me to think more about what I will do once I leave university. It was interesting that despite the fact that everyone's experience of Murray Edwards was different, the one thing that remains the same, even now, is the love for the College."

Jenni Visuri, 2014 Natural Sciences (second from right, above)

Legacy giving

Legacy gifts are essential to our future. A steadily increasing number of our alumnae and friends are choosing to remember the College in their Will. Will you join them?

"I'm an alumna of the College, a current Fellow and now also a legator. Over the many years that I've been involved with the College I've seen exactly how legacy giving can make a hugely meaningful contribution to the students that come here. Remembering the College in your Will allows you to make a contribution without compromising your current finances or the provision that you wish to make for your loved ones. My legacy will be entirely at the College's disposal because I believe that it is in the best position to know what is needed, and I'm very happy to be able to give my support in this way."

Paola Filippucci, NH 1985

If you are interested in leaving a legacy for the College, please contact Catherine Middleton:
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