Celebrating 150 Years of Keble College

Anniversary Campaign
I am delighted to be launching the final phase of Keble’s fundraising in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the College in 2020.

Since 2008, this Anniversary Campaign has raised a marvellous £50 million. Pledges and donations have included single and regular gifts to the Talbot Fund, as well as major gifts and legacies. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed.

The success of the Campaign so far has enabled us to improve the provision we make for everyone in the College community, most particularly our students.

But we cannot be complacent. There is more to do if we are to provide excellent opportunities for all, especially in the context of the new H B Allen Centre which will be completed in 2018. That is our ambition as we enter this final phase of the Campaign. I invite everyone who reads this brochure to join in celebrating what we have achieved so far and to add to the support we have already received.
Our goal is to raise a further £15 million by 2020, so that as we mark our 150th anniversary we can celebrate an overall Campaign total of at least £65 million. Such an outcome would reflect one of the most successful fundraising campaigns within the collegiate University and echo the extraordinary ambition of Keble’s founders and nineteenth century benefactors.

Keble made us who we are.

George Robinson
Engineering 1975

Overview from the Chairman of the Campaign Board:

Despite the financial challenges facing higher education in general and Keble’s modest historic endowment, the College has striven to foster academic excellence. It has shown ambitious commitment to look to the future and build the fantastic new H B Allen Centre, and it has continued to make an Oxford education accessible to students from all backgrounds. I have been privileged to be closely involved with the development of the College over the last 25 years and during that time I have come to appreciate what Keble did for me as an Engineering student in the mid-1970s. I have been fortunate to be in a position to offer financial support for brilliant young students and scholars and help shape the facilities which Keble has to offer.

The achievements of the first 8 years of this Campaign have been due in no small part to the active involvement of many alumni. In particular, I want to express my thanks to the members of the Campaign Board who gave so freely of their time and advice, to the Year Group Representatives for their constant energy and enthusiasm in generating support for the Talbot Fund, and to the Warden and his predecessor, Professor Dame Averil Cameron, for their leadership and commitment to making our College the best that it can possibly be.

Keble made us who we are. It is now time for us to help ensure it can help make others in the years ahead. I have no hesitation in asking you to support the final phase of the 150th Anniversary Campaign.

Thank you for your generosity.

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The 150th Anniversary Campaign

What we have achieved so far...

£50m
2008 – 2016

Phase One 2008 - 2012
£12m raised

2008–9 saw the expansion of the Alumni and Development Office and additional resources to increase fundraising activity.

The Talbot Fund was already in full swing: during this phase the proportion of alumni contributing in any given year rose from 20% to 24%, and the proportion of living alumni supporting the College at some point rose from 34% to 40%.

The Talbot Fund generated £3.3 million and major gifts totalled £8.8 million, including the first six and seven figure gifts for the Acland project and major commitments in support of the academic mission, including funding for five Career Development Fellows.

Overall £12 million raised...a terrific foundation on which to build.

Phase Two 2012 – 2016
£38m raised

This phase saw continued progress, with the Talbot Fund generating a further £4.6 million.

The highlight was the transformational pledge of £25 million from The H B Allen Trust, the largest single gift ever received by Keble, enabling construction of our new graduate and research centre to commence.

Donations totalling £9 million were received in major gifts, including the endowment of two Tutorial Fellowships in Law and Theology.

The launch of the Talbot Society and the Leavers’ Gift took annual alumni participation from 24% to 28% and overall participation to 54%.

£7.9m
Talbot Fund

26%
of all Keble alumni make a regular gift.

£7.6m academic posts/research
£35.2m H B Allen Centre

Major Gifts
£42.8m

...and the final 4 year phase

£15m
2016 – 2020

Phase Three 2016 - 2020
What we hope to achieve...

Having secured in excess of £35 million for the H B Allen Centre with its focus on graduate accommodation and research space, Phase Three of the Campaign sees the funding priorities shift. We aim to:

- fund outreach, undergraduate bursaries and graduate scholarships
- secure tutorial teaching by endowing academic posts and supporting our research capacity by funding the programmes of the Keble Advanced Studies Centre
- complete the renovation and refurbishment of the Butterfield buildings on the main site, notably the Hall project
- fund all aspects of the College community – sports, societies, drama and the Chapel, with a particular focus on music.

For further detail on our priorities for Phase Three, please see pages 20-23.

£8.75m
£2.25m
£7.9m
£2m
£1m
£1m

The Financial Priorities for Phase Three

Student Support
Teaching and Research
Buildings and Facilities
College Community
The 150th Anniversary Campaign

Keble Fundraising 2008-2016

Major Gifts (>£10,000)
The first two phases of the Campaign saw a significant increase in the number and magnitude of major gifts received by the College, 59 donations of £10,000+, 33 donations of £50,000+ and 5 transformational donations of more than £1 million in value.

Legacy Giving
The income from legacies is inevitably highly variable and unpredictable, though certainly significant in value. The College received just under £4.7 million in total over the 8 year period 2008 to 2016.

The Talbot Fund
(Talbot Fund (Single or regular gifts))
The Talbot Fund was launched in 2002 with the objective of asking ‘all Old Members to help shape the College’s future by making a regular, modest contribution to the Fund’, an objective which remains just as relevant today. Now established as one of the strongest annual funds in the collegiate University, the Talbot Fund attracts support from all generations of alumni. With cash income now at £1 million per year the Talbot Fund is the equivalent of a £31 million endowment, hugely important for a College with an actual endowment of £38 million and in which the cost of an undergraduate education is roughly double what we receive from student fees.

How Talbot Fund income has been used

Undergraduate Bursary
Undergraduate Bursary support for 150 students per year representing 36% of the JCR.
A combination of endowment and annual donations supplement the College funding as part of the Oxford Bursary Scheme, the costs of which are divided 50:50 between the University and the colleges. Total annual spend is approximately £35,000.

Graduate Scholarship
Graduate Scholarship support for 21 students per year representing 8% of the MCR.
The total spend on graduate scholarships of all kinds at Keble is currently £60,000 a year. These funds come from restricted endowments (2016 total value £5.5 million), direct donations given for specific scholarship awards, and matched funding from various collaborators both within and outside the University.

Outreach and Access
Our work in this important area has grown considerably in the last 8 years with over £100,000 in vital funding for staffing and student-led initiatives coming from the Talbot Fund. Our Outreach Officer has coordinated over 250 school visits since 2008.

£93,750 raised to fund the Outreach Officer
250+ school visits conducted in the last 5 years

Community Projects
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£15,400 raised for a lift to Hall
£225,000 raised for a lift to Hall

Academic Prizes and Awards
Endowment and spend-down gifts through the Talbot Fund support over 40 prizes and awards for academic excellence each year.

£46 academic prizes and awards made each year

Capital Projects
Student sports, clubs, societies and cultural activities receive vital support from the Talbot Fund. Friends of the Chapel, introduced in 2016, has generated much needed funding to enhance the work of this vibrant part of the College community. Generous alumni support for KCBC has enabled the men’s and women’s first VIIIs to reach strong positions in Division One of Summer Eights.

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I attended a comprehensive school in Stockport, and my first experience of Oxford life was staying at Keble in my first year of sixth form as part of the UNIQ summer school, a programme that allows young people from areas with little history of Oxford applications to experience university life for a week. During the week, we were told that the University would ensure that no potential applicant would be disadvantaged because of his or her background. My past three years as an undergraduate have lived up to this commitment, and as a student of Keble I feel that I have been particularly well supported.

The money provided by the Talbot Fund has been instrumental to my success at Keble. I was fortunate to receive an Oxford Bursary, which is half funded by the College, with a contribution from the Talbot Fund forming a vital component. The bursary meant that rather than spend time worrying about the cost of living in Oxford, I could instead focus on worrying about Dr Archer’s opinion of my essay on the success of the Henrician Reformation – something that all former history students will know to be a daunting prospect! Last year, I was also awarded a bursary from the Talbot Fund specifically for history students, which meant that I was able to stay in Oxford over the summer to carry out research for my undergraduate thesis.

From the perspective of an undergraduate student, I know how vital bursaries and scholarships can be. Moreover, with the recent government changes to means-tested grants and loans, I believe that it is absolutely imperative that initiatives such as the Talbot Fund are able to continue. This is why I, alongside the vast majority of my fellow finalists at Keble, decided to make a leaving gift to the Talbot Fund, in recognition of the important work it carries out.

Now that I have finished my degree, I am beginning a career in teaching with the Teach First programme, which places teachers in areas of significant socioeconomic deprivation. I know how rewarding and fulfilling an undergraduate degree at Oxford can be, which is why I am determined to encourage the pupils that I am going to teach to be confident in their own abilities, and have high expectations of themselves, irrespective of their background. Who knows, there might even be a few of them at Keble before too long!

I am proud to have attended a college which is committed to helping all of its students thrive, irrespective of their background.
Whether it is catching up with my tutor, the Warden, and friends at the College, meeting new and inspiring alumni, dining in our magnificent hall, staying overnight in College rooms, popping into the library, hanging out in the bar, having a quiet moment watching the water feature in the Secret Garden, listening to the exceptional choir in our soulful chapel, or just a late night chat with the porters, there is a special magic to the place.

I have read that people list personal experiences, the desire to make a difference, and social connection as key reasons for charitable giving. Keble certainly ticks all these boxes for me. Equally, the Warden states that Keble continues to be “committed to the highest academic standards in teaching and research, and continues to pursue our founders’ aim of making an Oxford education more widely available, ensuring that Keble maintains its reputation as an inclusive and welcoming community”. If I can help in achieving these aims just a little, then I have done something good with my money.

As it was when playing sport against other colleges, I want Keble to be the best college in Oxford. How fantastic it is to see Keble going from strength to strength in so many areas. There is such a buzz about the College. The Talbot Fund, named after the first Warden, Edward Talbot, finances so much of this success, whether it is supporting current students and their activities, or maintaining and expanding the beauty of Keble’s buildings, so that we can all enjoy them for another 150 years.

To my mind, Keble has the most unique and memorable of college buildings. It seems fitting that William Butterfield designed this ‘monument to the High Victorian Gothic’, given that John Keble’s philosophy had so inspired the Oxford Movement and Butterfield’s own beliefs. My children know it as “The Castle”. If ever there was a castle to be nurtured, this is surely it.

The Keble Experience is so much more than the short time spent at the College. I am constantly inspired by my ongoing relationship with Keble. I have met so many amazing alumni, and I feel an increasing pride that I count as one of them. Whenever I drive home after a Keble event, I always feel renewed and invigorated. I want to challenge myself a little more, and I cannot wait until the next time. If you have not been back recently, make time this year. It may just bring a little magic your way.

£135,000 per year given directly to students as bursary support
The H B Allen Centre

The project and its impact on the future of Keble

This £60m construction will provide a world class centre for our graduate students and new facilities to support the University’s research and spin-out activities in association with Oxford Sciences Innovation (OSI). The development will be named in honour of Miss Heather Allen, founder of The H B Allen Charitable Trust, in recognition of the £25m pledge made in 2015.

Designed by award-winning architect the late Rick Mather, the development will be one of the most exciting and significant new Oxford building projects of this century. With top-quality graduate accommodation and exceptional research facilities, Keble will play a vital role in enabling Oxford to continue to compete internationally at the very highest level.

Occupying 0.68 hectares, it is located only 300 metres to the north of the existing College. The upper floors will house 230 graduate students, nearly triple our current capacity and will enable us to increase the size of the Keble MCR by around 100 students. There will be a 120-seat lecture theatre, seminar rooms, an exhibition space, a café, a gym and a 24 bedroom “research hotel” for visiting academics and just over 2,100 m² of space for research and related spin-out activities. Occupants of the research space will be Professor Paul Newman’s Mobile Robotics Group (MRG) and OSI, a £320 million venture capital fund, which plans to have its headquarters and significant incubator space for spin-out companies on the site. The H B Allen Centre will also provide facilities for the programmes of Keble’s Advanced Studies Centre (ASC), a vibrant aspect of the College’s research community.

The demolition of the existing buildings has already commenced and we aim to open the new development in October 2018. The College has already funded the land purchase (£10.75 million) and raised £35.2 million in gifts and pledges for the construction project through a combination of the £25 million capital grant from the Trust and valued support from many other alumni and friends.

Having generated over 50% of the construction cost from philanthropic sources, the College has arranged 40 year fixed-rate debt funding, the cost of which will be fully serviced out of the surplus cash flows of the completed project. From 2018 onwards, the site will be fully operational and should be generating an operating surplus of £1.3 million per year, including the income from student room rental and income from OSI, MRG and conferences. This surplus will enable the College to pay the interest on the loan and build up a sinking fund for the ultimate repayment of the debt. The gifts to this project are transformational for Keble. In the long term, the College will not only have a magnificent facility serving the graduate and research agendas in a uniquely innovative way, but also a new stream of income which, once the debt is repaid, is the equivalent (in current values) of more than doubling our endowment.

We continue to seek further donations to maximise the philanthropic contribution to the venture so that some of the future revenue streams can be devoted to supporting the academic aims of the College. We hope that many more alumni and friends of Keble will want to join those who have already made a commitment to our Campaign.

The H B Allen Centre
Following a Masters in Cognitive Science at the University of Vienna and an internship in neuroscience at Trinity College Dublin, I was ready to pinpoint my research question. Though honoured and excited to receive a DPhil offer from Oxford and a place at Keble College, like many other post graduate students, the costs of continuing my research were prohibitive. It was only after I found out that I had been awarded a de Breyne Scholarship through the Talbot Fund that the prospect of exploring my research question became a reality. I am now a third year DPhil student in Experimental Psychology, and I am becoming more curious and passionate about studying human emotions with each passing day.

When I started my studies, everyone told me that the choice of college is not hugely important for graduate students, but I disagree completely. From its location to its architecture, Keble is the perfect Oxford college, the only one in my view that finds a balance between being Oxford and being unique. The MCR (Middle Common Room) is a multi-disciplinary, extraordinarily culturally diverse and international community, which is closely integrated into the academic and social life of the College. The six research clusters of Keble’s Advanced Studies Centre hold regular seminars, lectures and workshops designed to reach across disciplinary boundaries. Given my own multi-disciplinary background, I enjoy interacting with people from other academic areas; it is a truly intellectually enriching experience.

I have become fully immersed in the academic and social life of the College and the University. I have organised the TEDxOxford Conference, and last year I was part of the Keble Ball Committee. My passion for teaching and my interdisciplinary background enable me to give something back as a part of Keble’s tutorial outreach programme. My task is to inspire and motivate students in state schools and develop their familiarity with Oxford University and the tutorial style of teaching and learning.

In addition to the Scholarship itself, there is a Student Support Fund to help meet the costs arising from unforeseen circumstances and a Graduate Fund specifically to support research costs such as conference attendance. With such financial support I have been able to present my work at scientific conferences in Leiden, Edinburgh, Ljubljana and Vienna.

From 2018, with the completion of the H B Allen Centre, the accommodation and facilities for Keble graduate students will be the best in Oxford. I, and future Keble students, will be forever grateful to all those who through their donations have made this possible.

Luka Katić
DPhil Psychology 2014

I earned my first degree in Economics at the University of Novi Sad in my home country of Serbia. Through the study of business negotiations I became interested in how emotions affect decision-making and the human mind in general.

Support from Keble College every day

£160,000 awarded per year via 21 graduate scholarships
Future Objectives

Student Support - Outreach, Bursaries, Scholarships

Keble aims to raise a further £8.75m to support prospective and current students at undergraduate and graduate level. We are seeking donor support for the following projects.

**Outreach Activity** – to raise another £150,000 to enhance and develop our outreach work in our target area of the West Midlands. Our Outreach Officer works with schools, teachers and pupils to attract, encourage and guide the brightest applicants, regardless of their circumstances and familiarity with the admissions process.

**Graduate Scholarships** – to raise a further £5 million to increase our endowment for graduate scholarships and to fund full and partial scholarships across all subject areas. On average, the current cost for a graduate student is £30,000 per year. Our objective is to increase the funds available for graduate scholarships to encourage the best students from the UK, EU and overseas to apply to Keble and the most talented Keble students who achieve a first class degree at undergraduate level to stay on. By 2018 the H B Allen Centre will be ready for the first cohort of graduate students. We have to increase the funding available to be able to compete with the best international institutions and attract the best scholars.

**Undergraduate Bursaries and Hardship** – to raise a further £3.6 million to add to the endowment funding undergraduate bursaries and students in need. The Oxford Bursary Scheme makes means-tested awards to those incoming undergraduates who might regard the rising cost of studying at University as a significant deterrent. The costs of providing this support are divided between the University and the colleges. Keble currently spends £135,000 per year on bursary support, only £44,000 of this comes from the existing endowment. The rest is funded in part by donations and in part by the College’s operating budget. Some students also experience financial difficulties during their studies for reasons beyond their control. Through donations from alumni we are able to offer a helping hand.

**Hardship** could help the College support a student in need. £10,000 could fund a partial graduate scholarship. £60 per month + Gift Aid could help the College support a bursary student.

We seek your support to enable us to continue to make a Keble education accessible for all.

Teaching and Research

We are seeking donations to support Keble’s academic excellence.

**Tutorial Teaching** – to raise £1.4 million for the academic endowment. Keble is committed to maintaining the tutorial system of undergraduate teaching. The interaction between the students and academics creates a personal and rich learning environment, one which equips our students for future success. This intensity of teaching is inevitably expensive. Despite the rise in tuition fees, the tutorial system continues to require significant subsidy from the College. Recruiting and retaining leading academics is critical to our continued success. Thanks to the generosity of donors in recent years, we have been able to endow two tutorial fellowships in Law and Theology. We are now focused on securing further posts in perpetuity, and for this we need your continued support.

**New Academic Posts** – to raise £800,000 to fund four Career Development Fellows over four years. Keble is looking to appoint up to four new Career Development Fellows (CDFs) as part of its commitment to supporting early career researchers and advancing scholarship in exciting new fields. CDFs are typically post-doctoral researchers selected in competition for their potential in furthering research, who can also provide focused teaching support in key areas. Recent appointments of this kind have been in Biomedical Engineering, Networks, Archaeology and Anthropology and Quantum Computers. In seeking to appoint future CDFs, the College will consider both the research strengths of existing Fellows and the potential for innovative ventures. Keble already has two endowed CDFs, in Modern English Literature and in Renaissance History. We want to achieve some diversity in the new appointments, with at least one in Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences.

**Visiting Fellowship Scheme** – to raise £50,000 to develop academic collaboration. Keble intends to build on its existing programme of Senior Research Visitors and Collaborating Research Scholars by founding a prestigious scheme for Visiting Fellows. The Fellows, who will be of international standing in their fields of research, will stay at the ‘research hotel’ within the new H B Allen Centre for periods of up to 10 weeks. During this time, they will participate in the intellectual life of the College and the University through public lectures, seminars and workshops. They will be encouraged to engage with College Fellows, graduates and undergraduates, with a particular emphasis on including non-specialists. The accent will be on inter-disciplinarity, or the sharing of ideas across subject boundaries – a fundamental objective of the programmes of Keble’s Advanced Studies Centre.
Future Objectives

Community Support

Keble offers a rich cultural environment, one in which every student can enhance existing talents and interests, and develop new ones. Donations directed to Community Support subsidise student activities, clubs, societies, sports teams, those individuals representing the University, the creative arts, exhibitions, concerts, the Chapel and the College Choir.

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Director of Music

A donation of £600,000 could endow the post in perpetuity.

Choral Scholarships

Keble currently offers 12 Choral Scholarships. The scope is limited as this is funded by the College academic account. We are seeking to increase this number to 18 and to fund this expansion through philanthropy to ensure that Keble can actively compete with the other top choral colleges. A gift of £10,000 would endow one Choral Scholarship.

Vocal Tuition for Choral Scholars

We intend to double the current provision for singing lessons and introduce three vocal masterclasses per year. This requires a significant increase in the budget for singing lessons from the current £930 to £5,000 per year.

Purchase of Printed Choir Music

An annual gift of £1,000 + Gift Aid would more than double the current funds available for purchasing music for the choir.

The role of the Keble Association: offering support for Keble students out of term-time.

The Keble Association (KA) is run by volunteers for the benefit of current students. Student support offered by the Talbot Fund is augmented by the KA, which funds over 80 individual grant awards per year for undergraduate and graduate students wishing to undertake additional study, humanitarian-related travel, or internships in the vacations.

Working together:

From academic year 2016–17, any new donations to the KA may be made via the Talbot Fund. By including the KA within the Talbot Fund, alongside the other alumni-led organisation, the Keble Rowing Society, alumni can easily select which area of community life they wish to support.

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Buildings and Facilities: Kitchen / Hall Project

The College is committed to preserving the original Victorian buildings while developing the facilities.

The rolling programme of careful refurbishment and modernisation of the accommodation in Leldon and Pusey quads, and the recent painstaking works to repair the Hall floor and to return the ceiling to its former glory, attest to the value we place on the fabric and heritage of our butterfield buildings. Built in 1877, the Hall and Library complex represents one of the key elements of the first-time visitor and to evoke memories of current students. Student preparation and serving of meals in Hall remains at the heart of Keble. The longest dining-hall in Oxford, it never fails to impress the first-time visitor and to evoke memories for those of us who had the privilege to dine there every evening.

The Hall Project encompasses a new kitchen and servery, and the completion of the refurbishment of the Hall itself. The current arrangements for the preparation and serving of meals in Hall present serious challenges for our hard working staff; their ability to provide over 45,000 meals a year for students, staff, Fellows and guests is being compromised by operational and logistical shortcomings of the existing layout of facilities. Working closely with a team of specialist consultants to ensure that the integrity of the Grade 1 listed building is preserved, a project scheme costing £2.5 million has been devised which will:

- locate a new kitchen on a new mezzanine floor at ground level
- generate space at the basement level (where the kitchen is currently located) for kitchen-support functions and storage
- install a second catering lift
- enlarge the Hall Servery to allow a through flow of diners.

While the kitchen project is being carried out, the Dining Hall will not be in use, presenting an ideal opportunity to complete the much needed maintenance and refurbishment works. The intention is to:

- clean and refurbish the oak panelling and oak flooring
- complete the laying of the new floor tiles
- clean and repair the walls
- redesign the lighting
- return the tables and benches to the original 12–table layout.

These refurbishment works have been costed at £500,000. It is our objective to achieve this project in time for the anniversary celebrations in 2020, but to do so we need your support.

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In addition to maintaining donor support for the wide spectrum of student activities, as part of the 150th Anniversary Campaign we are seeking to raise £1 million to secure the future of music in Keble.

Funded by generous donations from alumni, the Chapel Organ installed in 2011 is one of the finest in the UK. With this wonderful asset, the College Chapel is a focal point for creative music-making throughout the year, primarily by Keble College Chapel Choir, but also by students and groups from across the University. As such, the Chapel Organ represents one of the key elements of the College’s artistic identity and is at the heart of the College calendar, hosting chamber recitals, choral concerts, and the annual Keble Early Music Festival.

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Isobel Roberts Rajoo
Chemistry 2014

What does Keble mean to me? First and foremost it represents a vibrant, friendly and supportive student body. Secondly, a place that prides itself on academic excellence and doing everything it can to help its students excel, and thirdly, a thriving community with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Keble has given me a diverse range of opportunities and challenges which in turn have helped me face and tackle the problems that inevitably arise when studying Chemistry. I have been actively involved in the JCR as Vice-President, the Ball Committee and Keble at Large, the JCR’s access and outreach scheme, and it has been these activities that have made my time here so enjoyable thus far.

I have also been part of the Telethon Team, generating support for the Talbot Fund. Although it is fair to say that the majority of the student body are aware of the Talbot Fund, it was only by being part of the call team this Easter that I came to fully appreciate the level of impact that the Fund has around the College. From maintaining the beautiful buildings in which we are fortunate to live, study and socialise, to supporting clubs and societies ranging from the Music Society to the Boat Club. Income from the Talbot Fund also enables Keble at Large to carry out valuable work targeting students and schools in areas with little history of applying to Oxford. Many of the tours and school visits run by the scheme provide the only contact a potential applicant may have with Oxford, and prove invaluable in terms of presenting Keble as the welcoming and inclusive place we know it to be.

Keble is, of course, the best college in Oxford, and I am of the firm belief that the majority of Keble’s success can be attributed to the wonderful community of alumni who maintain their connection with the College. When speaking to individuals during the Telethon campaign, each one had an anecdote to share, and it was inspiring to hear how College life throughout the decades has spawned such fond and often hilarious memories. Finally, thank you to all who have and will contribute to the Talbot Fund. My experience and that of my peers would have been entirely different without your support. We are incredibly grateful that we have the opportunity to make our own memories and store away anecdotes to then share with the next generation of Keblites.

£150,000 more needed to enhance and develop our Outreach work

Chemistry 2014

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Never been to a Keble event?

Prof Tim Jenkinson
Should we be angry with Starbucks and Amazon?
London Lecture

Andy Street (1982)
Building the Brand, John Lewis Partnership
London Lecture

Anne-Marie Imafidon (2006)
Guest Speaker
35 Years of Keble Women

Simon Duffy (1996)
Building Skincare
Keble Entrepreneurs Event

Prof Sarah Whatmore
Living with floods and droughts
London Lecture

Prof Tom Higham
Dating the Past
London Lecture

Anne-Sophie Mutter
Bach's Concerto for Two Violins (BWV 1043)
Concert in Hall

Mark Goldring (1976)
Eradicating Global Poverty
London Lecture

Dame Averil Cameron
Byzantium 330 - 1453
London Seminar

Tim Foster (2013)
Guest Speaker
Boat Club Dinner 2014

Tony Hall (1970)
Why I love the BBC
London Lecture

Prof Paul Newman
Modern Robotics: Science for Modern (autonomous) Cars
London Lecture

Jeremy Fishell (1982)
Kenneth Tickell Organ Inaugural Recital
Recital in Chapel

Dr Ian Archer
The Transformation of London 1550 - 1700
London Lecture

John Bridcut (1971)
Making Music on Film
Douglas Price Society Lecture

This is what you are missing!
How you can help

Sponsor your old College room and create a room history

As we embark on this final phase of the 150th Anniversary Campaign, we are launching a new initiative, which we hope will build on Keble’s fundamental values of community and involvement, and create a room history for future students.

The Initiative: to offer naming rights on student rooms in all areas of the main College site: Lidlon, Pusey, Hayward, de Breyne, Ato and Sianoe Robinson. Across these quad and buildings, the College has 300 student rooms. The sponsors’ names, subjects and matriculation dates will be listed on a plaque (brass or stainless steel) immediately outside the room.

The Aim: by offering the naming rights to multiple alumni, we hope to generate new study bedrooms at the H B Allen Centre.

The Process: most alumni had at least two rooms in College during their time at Keble. Let us know which room you would like to ‘sponsor’ by completing the enclosed donation form. On receipt of the final payment, we will add your name, year of matriculation and subject to the plaque. The first plaques will be produced in 2020-21 and will be added to periodically. Of course if you wish to sponsor more than one room please call us to discuss a discount!

The Impact: by donating via the room-naming initiative, donors can select which element of the Talbot Fund they prefer to support. Simply tick the appropriate box on the enclosed Gift Form, or online.

The Donation: A donation of £2,500 could be made either as a single gift £2,000 + £500 Gift Aid (for UK tax payers), or spread over 5 years with monthly donations of £166.66 + Gift Aid. Donors can choose the mechanism, amount and duration of their gift to suit their situation.

Alumni with existing regular donations to the Talbot Fund can elect to direct their support to this project, and if necessary upgrade the value of their monthly donation rather than set up an additional direct debit.

We welcome donations from alumni and friends overseas and will be happy to work with you to arrange the gift processing, amounts and timing.

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The Donations: Income generated: 4 x £2,500 = £10,000 per room £10,000 x 300 rooms

By working together, we hope to raise 20% of the overall target and give all our alumni and friends of the College the opportunity to be involved with the 150th anniversary, while creating a lasting connection to Keble and the future cohorts of students, Fellows and staff. The initiative is designed to continue for years to come.

Ways to give

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Recognition

The College is grateful for every donation it receives. All donors, unless they choose to remain anonymous, are listed in the annual Review magazine. The donor recognition programme enables the College to reflect the gratitude Keble owes to its major benefactors, while the Talbot Society recognizes and thanks all those who make a regular contribution, regardless of the amount.

Regular donors to the Talbot Fund will become Talbot Society members.

All leaving students who make a gift to Keble become Honorary Talbot Society members and receive a foam KEBLE brick.

Alumni making a regular donation receive a red or blue brick pin depending on their age. Any donor who gives continuously for 10 years or more becomes a Kebble Dinosaur and receives a Dinosaur pin to be worn with pride at all College events. Members of the Talbot Society receive an invitation to join the Douglas Price Society annual event and dinner.

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Donors can choose to support specific areas of College life within the Talbot Fund and thereby gain membership of the Friends of Keble College Chapel, the Keble Rowing Society and the Keble Association as appropriate. All these groups hold annual events to which members and guests are most warmly invited.

The Douglas Price Society is open to all who have signified their intention to make a bequest to the College, alumni and Keble friends alike.

Donors are recognised as having membership of a specific group once cumulative gifts to the College at each level have been received. Members of each group receive appropriate invitations to College special occasions and events. In addition, specific naming opportunities are available for donations across a range of gift levels according to the wishes of the donor.

Come and join us.

An invitation to celebrate

The 150th Anniversary Campaign will culminate with our celebrations in the UK and overseas during 2020 and 2021. We are looking ahead to this landmark year with excitement and are planning what we hope will be an engaging, stimulating and enjoyable series of celebratory events, special publications and projects.

We hope that many of our alumni and friends will continue to support us through donations, but also by attending events and contributing to the life of the College and our current students by volunteering. There are numerous ways in which you can help. We rely greatly on our Year Group Representatives for generating interest and support amongst their peers, and we are always pleased to welcome new volunteers to that group. The Keble Association and Keble Rowing Society do great work to support the current students directly, if you would like to help we can put you in touch.

Further information about the calendar of events and ways in which you can become involved in the 150th special projects will be communicated in the coming year.

Keble thrives because of the strength of the community. Please accept our warm invitation to join us in celebrating what we have achieved so far and in building on that success.

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Vice Chancellor’s Circle £250,000+
1870 Fellow £500,000+
Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors £1.5m+
Keble made us who we are.

If you would like any further information about the 150th Anniversary Campaign please contact us at the Alumni and Development Office.

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