

# *Floreat Domus*



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# From the President

Having studied at the College and experienced its transformational impact, I am particularly delighted and honoured to be back at Queens'. While much has changed and, with Covid-19, we find ourselves in the midst of unsettling uncertainty, Queens' continues to deliver academic excellence in a friendly, supportive and increasingly diverse community.

Our ability to maintain and improve what we do is only possible because of your incredible support. Your generous donations have helped us provide increased bursaries for students, enhance our tutorial and pastoral resources, upgrade our physical infrastructure, and expand initiatives to attract and enable students from highly disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. They have also played a critical role in helping the College, and students in particular, navigate this extremely challenging time.

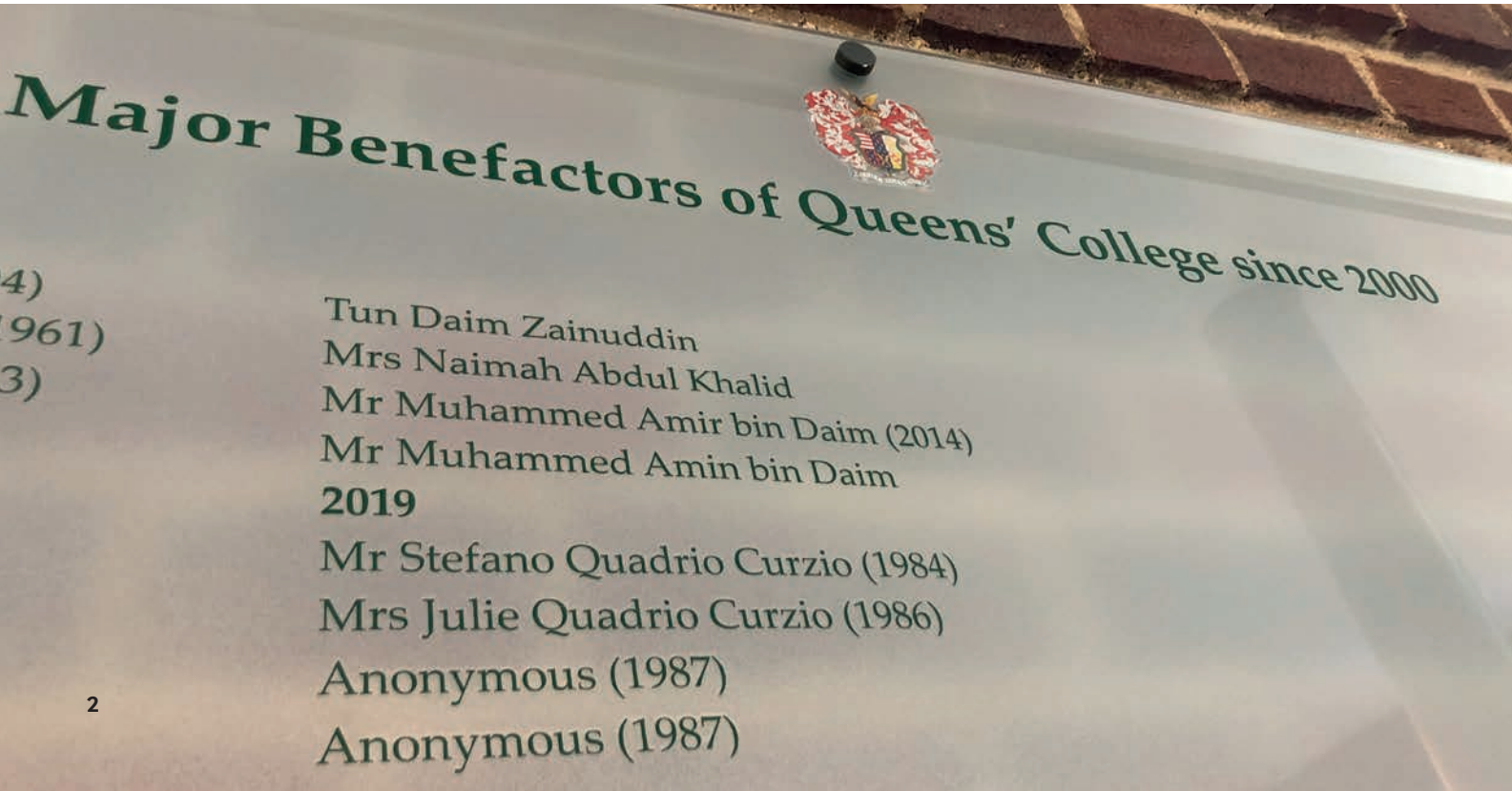
In recognition of your generosity, *Floreat Domus* – our first stand-alone report on philanthropy – provides you with information on our activities, finances and, most importantly, how impactful your support is.

On behalf of the students, Fellows and staff of Queens', thank you for everything you have done and do for the College.

*M. A. El-Erian*

Dr Mohamed A. El-Erian

*Floreat Domus* is the motto of the College: 'May this house flourish.'

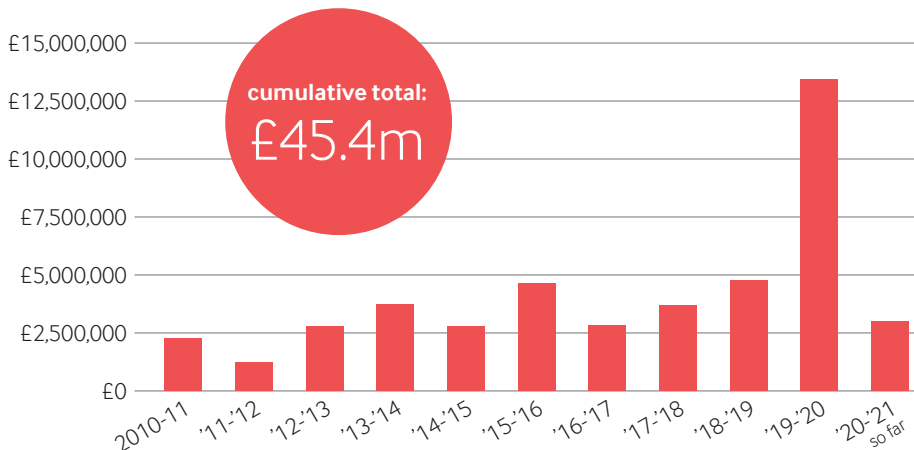


# Making an impact – the last decade

Before the pandemic, the last decade at Queens' was marked by the huge progress the College made towards its strategic goals set in 2010.

Philanthropic support has helped the College to widen its horizons, to increase its appeal to students and academics globally, and to address its historic weakness of being under-endowed.

Now that momentum is under threat: it is only with your support that Queens' can continue to make strides in offering the best education to the brightest students, regardless of background.



## Examples of your philanthropic impact so far...

### Prizes & Awards

- Dr J. A. C. K. Pang Medical Elective Fund
- Dikran Knadjian Scholarship
- Marcus Ivan Hughes-Hallett Travel Award
- Usha S. Mehta Travel Award
- Ian Linington Travel Award
- Grant Prize in Biochemistry
- Alison Roper Prize in Natural Sciences
- Brian Callingham Prize in Pre-Clinical & Veterinary Medicine
- Read Prize in Natural Sciences
- James Diggle Prize in Classics
- Robert Barnes Prize in Chemical Engineering
- M. J. Milgate Prize in Economics
- Susan Hamilton Thomas Prize in Economics
- R. A. Ingram Prize in Economics
- Colin Butler Prize in Natural Sciences (Zoology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology)

### Subject Funds

- Smith Fund in Modern & Medieval Languages
- Barry Scott Fund in Medicine
- Macpherson Fund in Law
- Patterson Fund in English
- Milgate Fund in Economics
- Seear Fund in Architecture
- James Diggle Fund in Classics
- Haszeldine Fund in Chemistry

### Teaching & Research

- John Eatwell Fellowship
- Robin Walker Fellowship in Computer Science
- Bradley Fellowship in Chemistry
- Hassabis Fellowship in Computer Science
- John Baldwin Fellowship in Physics
- Anthony L. Lyster Fellowships in Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Sociology, Physics & MML
- Niccoli Fellowship in Natural Sciences
- Pang Kam Ping Fellowship in Medical Science
- Anthony L. Lyster Fellowship in Mathematics
- David N. Moore Fellowship in Mathematics
- Notley Fellowship in Engineering
- Derek Bowett Fellowship in Law
- Arthur Armitage Fellowship in Law
- El-Erian Fellowship in Economics
- Ajit Singh Fellowship in Economics
- Chris Rokos Fellowship in Geography
- Seear Fellowship in Architecture & Art History

### Welfare & Access

- Covid-19 Student Support Fund
- Mairi Hurrell Fund
- Partnership with IntoUniversity
- Access programme generously funded by two Queens' members

### Buildings & Accessibility

- Refurbishment of the Round
- Improved accessibility across the site
- Renovations to Owlstone Croft

### Bursaries

- Redress Solutions LLM Bursary
- Sigmund Sternberg LLM Bursary
- Cleevely Studentships
- Henry Bullock Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Classics
- Munro-Greaves Bursary in Mathematics
- Stephen G. Thomas Memorial Fund
- Tony Nethersell Bursary
- Pomfret-Pearson Fund in Geography
- Aliki Vatikioti Senior Organ Scholarship
- Aliki Vatikioti Postgraduate Studentship in Music
- Fondation Bay Music Studentships

### Extracurricular

- Michael Williamson Instrumental Scholarship
- Farrant Fund for MagSoc
- Nelson Blues Fund
- Spencer Fund for Rugby Football Fund
- George Band Sports Bursary
- Alex Stout Sports Bursary
- Richard Hargreaves Sports Bursaries
- Mike Turner Sports Bursary
- Eleanor Duck Sports Bursary
- Lill Sports Bursary
- Griffin Sports Bursary
- Tyro Prize in Music



“I work in a fantastic lab but it is research only, so the Rokos Postdoctoral Research Associate programme has provided great opportunities to interact with College students through talks, teaching and interviewing; and to discuss an issue I consider hugely important, of women in STEM, at the Queens’ “Closing the Gap” panel discussion.”



Dr Tamsin Spelman, (2009) & Chris Rokos Postdoctoral Research Associate, supported by Mr Chris Rokos.

“Dear Dr Harvey...I just wanted to thank you for the money you donated to Queens’ medical students entering clinical years for the purchase of a stethoscope. I know that for most of us, it will be the first medical item we own; it will definitely remind us of the start of our professional lives and our time at Queens’ College. It’s so kind of you to want to help us on our way.”

Eve Ainscough (2016, Medicine)  
Recipient of support from *The John Cuthbert Harvey Memorial Fund*, which pays for students’ stethoscopes, donated by Dr John Harvey (1964) & Mrs Pamela Harvey.



“Thank you to all who have donated and supported the Covid-19 response fund; your generosity has made a very positive impact on Queens’ students’ learning in these uncertain times.”

Anna Jones (Natural Sciences) on the Covid-19 Student Support Fund which has raised £220,000 so far to help students who have been impacted by the pandemic.

“Thanks to the generous donations of old members and friends, the College has so far been able to provide invaluable assistance and support to our students, undergraduate and postgraduate alike. Whilst every effort is being made to ensure that our provision is as close to normal this year, we face an uphill battle. The vital work to ensure all Queens’ students can fulfil their potential will require further assistance as our students face unforeseen pressures on finances, restrictions on travel, and have new requirements for technologies and study space.”

Will Ackernley (Medicine, MCR President 2019-20)



“This pandemic has laid bare inequalities amongst students. Some students studying at home did not have the desk for an exam or the internet for a supervision, and some didn’t even have the accommodation guarantees to begin to worry about those things. I would like to thank everyone who donated to help address some of these issues. With the need for technology for teaching and learning in the university persisting, and with student expenditure and budget being uncertain at best, continued support is massively appreciated.”

Tomos Wood (Engineering, JCR President)

“I am incredibly appreciative of the College’s generosity. This financial support will significantly assist in my studies during these uncertain times.”

An undergraduate



## Widening Access

Philanthropy has ensured that Queens’ has been in the vanguard of imaginative and effective Access work in the last few years. Ground-breaking donations from two anonymous alumni have helped continue fund many initiatives over the last five years and will continue to do so for the next five years.

This has enabled us to establish relationships with schools and students across the country, from Bradford to Kent’s Medway towns and Havering in London. Fellows and undergraduates have visited these link areas and we have our own Schools Liaison Officer, **Siân Bex**, in Bradford.

We host teachers to watch admissions interviews, as well as students on residential stayovers – often their first night away from home. The Admissions Office has had extra support and our communications and social media profiles have been enhanced.

Our aim is to work with young students and support them all the way through school.

We are proud that undergraduate student **Victoria Ayodeji (2018, Geography)** won the *Outstanding Achievement Award* at the National Student Social Mobility Awards last November. The Queens’ Admissions Team were also highly commended at this event for *Best University Initiative Award* for their Bradford Mobility Initiative.



“Coming from inner-city Bradford in a school where going to Cambridge is certainly not the norm, it struck me that studying Natural Sciences here might be something I would like to pursue, but I was totally at a loss as to how to get there. It was Queens’ link to Bradford that gave me the support I needed. Speaking to the Schools Liaison Officer, **Maria McElroy**, and talking to Queens’ students as part of their annual roadshow to Bradford gave me the courage to apply. I still remember how shocked I was to discover that people who went to Cambridge can actually have a social life!



I am pleased to say that the Access work of Queens’ has grown over the last few years, thanks to your generosity. Tireless work has led to a 50% increase in applications to Cambridge from Bradford schools.

The Covid-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the disadvantages many young people face in applying to Cambridge. From a lack of computer access or insufficient quiet places to work, through to schools struggling to cope, the impact on the education of the most disadvantaged young people in society will be felt for many years. The work of Queens’ Access is more important now than ever to give every student a fair chance to apply, and get in, to Cambridge.

On behalf of all the students of Queens’, thank you for your generous support.”

Rebekah Hinton (Natural Sciences, JCR Access Officer 2019-20)

## Extra-curricular



“*The Farrant Fund* has facilitated many activities, events and performances for **MagSoc** and has been an invaluable resource in encouraging music-making across College. The Fund has supported concerts, including one by the Queens’ Chamber Choir and another, ‘A Woman, Full of Grace – Marian music by candlelight,’ which raised money for Cambridge Women’s Aid. The Fund also purchased a high-quality weighted keyboard, made available to all students for practice and used for Open Mic nights in the bar, increasing the inclusivity of our musical activities.”

*The Farrant Fund*, generously endowed by **Stephen Farrant (1956)** for MagSoc

From **Mia Willows, MagSoc President 2019-20.**

Photo: **Eleanor Medcalf**, current MagSoc President.



20  sporting students were supported by *The Nelson Blues Fund* in 2019-20 



**Izzy Montgomery (Geography, 2018)** Hockey Blue (Vice-Captain in 2020-21), received support from *The Nelson Blues Fund*.

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endowed sports bursaries, worth  
**£500**  
per student

**“I spent three very happy years at Queens’. I then, I regret to say, forgot about the College for many years. Years later at a visit to College, organised by the former President John Eatwell, it dawned on me what a privilege it had been to be at the College. I liked the idea that limited money should not be a hindrance to students.**

I started with a modest annual donation then looked at doing more. I don’t like blind pools of money so I have financed music and sports bursaries. These have the appeal that I know I have helped a specific person and receiving letters of thanks is always pleasing.

I am delighted to be supporting Queens’ to which I owe a great deal.”

**Dr Richard Hargreaves (1964)**



**“Dear Mr Hargreaves, I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for giving me the chance of joining Cambridge University Association Football Club on this year’s winter pre-season tour to Miami. Your donation has not only allowed me to train and compete at an incredibly high level, but it also enabled me to make what I hope to be lifelong friendships with teammates and inspirational Cambridge alumni.**

Your support has certainly been greatly influential in making my time at Cambridge University a unique experience that I will cherish for a long time.

Thank you!”

**Oduma Tom Adelio (Erasmus student, English, 2019)** joint Football Cuppers Champion, Blue, recipient of *The Richard Hargreaves Sports Bursary*, donated by Dr Richard Hargreaves (1964).

**“In August 2019, I travelled to Vanuatu, made possible by the generous Professor Ajit Singh Travel Award. I spent three weeks travelling across four islands, conducting research for my dissertation on perceptions of climate change across various communities.**

I held interviews, attended climate change awareness events and noted observations, providing ample data for me to analyse and discuss.

I also had the opportunity to visit coral reefs and climb Mount Yasur volcano. As a Geographer, I found both of these to be incredible experiences.”

**Benedict Mafi (2016, Geography)**, recipient of the *Professor Ajit Singh Travel Award*, donated by **Mr David Bendor (1984)**.



## What next?

**We are constantly striving to improve and to secure the long-term health of the College. We want to:**

- Preserve Queens’ as an intellectual society first and foremost.
- Continue to increase diversity and remove obstacles to people applying to study here.
- Provide the best infrastructure possible for our students, staff and Fellows.
- Ensure we are much more than merely financially viable.

**Our ambitions include...**

- 50-100 fully-endowed postgraduate scholarships – to encourage non-traditional background students to progress to postgraduate study.
- 40 further teaching Fellowship endowments to safeguard and strengthen the supervision system.
- To maintain our first-class access programme, encouraging all bright students to apply regardless of background.
- The enhancement of our accommodation portfolio to remain an attractive College for potential students and academics.
- To grow our endowment, allowing us to be ambitious and self-sufficient in all areas.

## How you can help

**£14.48**

All loyal donors to the College who make a regular gift become members of *The 1448 Society*.

**One-off gifts**

for particular projects, or Queens’ general purposes, make a vital difference.

**Legacies**

Those who remember the College in their Wills become members of *The Arthur Armitage Society*.

Photo: the College outdoor spaces adapted to Covid-19 conditions.

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**The Fellows, students and staff of Queens' are pleased to have this opportunity to thank our many donors for their generous support of the College between 6th April 2019 & 30th June 2020.**