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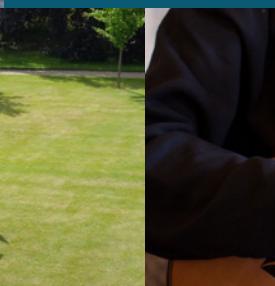
alumni have left  
a gift to LMH  
in their will

**81**  
Undergraduates  
awarded  
**£230K**  
of bursaries last  
year, thanks to  
alumni donations

**30**  
students hosted at  
LMH last year for  
the UNIQ access  
Summer School



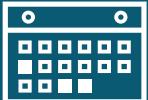
A photograph of several students sitting around a round table outdoors on a grassy lawn, engaged in discussion.



**1,280**  
huge thank yous  
to those who  
donated last year



Dozens of fantastic videos about life  
at LMH on our YouTube channel:  
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**291**

donors have given  
to LMH every  
year for 10 years



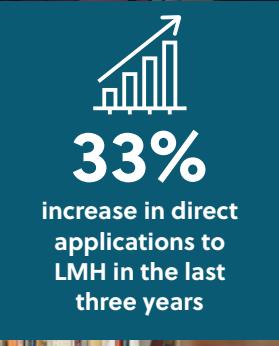
**60**

Student  
Ambassadors  
assisting the  
Outreach Team



**479**

students in on-site  
accommodation



**183**

eligible applications  
to the Foundation  
Year in 2018  
for 11 places

## How could your gift make a difference to LMH?

From our pioneering roots as the first women's college in Oxford, to the diverse community of students, academics and alumni of today, LMH is constantly evolving.

We do not have the same huge endowment as some other colleges, but this has never stopped us developing ground-breaking initiatives such as the new Oxford Study Skills Centre, the Foundation Year course, improving our welfare provision, or investing in our buildings and gardens.

You might have matriculated in the 1960s, when the LMH Library was first opened, or in the late 2000s, as one of the first recipients of a Moritz-Heyman bursary, but at every stage in LMH's history alumni donations have played an integral part. This brochure outlines just a few of the projects that you could help bring to life this year.

# Your gift could **create space for a student to study**

Everyone at LMH has a favourite corner of the **Library**. It is a calm and welcoming space, as well as an essential learning resource for students and tutors. With your help, we would like to invest in the Library, to ensure we are providing LMH students with the same academic resources as their peers at other colleges and to reduce the need to compete for access to central resources such as the Bodleian, science and law libraries.

We are halfway through replacing a number of older chairs which are reaching the end of their life. There are 56 chairs in the main Library reading room which need to be replaced, and alumni donations have allowed us to purchase 38 already. The new chairs are built to stand the test of time, and we will be delighted to commemorate the donation of a Library Chair with a plaque on the back of the seat.



We need to raise another £10,224 to replace the last 18 chairs

# Your gift could **allow us to reach out to even more prospective students**

There are a number of students who don't consider applying to Oxford because they feel that it is 'not for them'. Our **Outreach** Officer works with her team of 60 student ambassadors to visit schools around the country, run open days at LMH, and reach out to prospective students via social media. This activity has led to an increase of 37% in the number of state school students applying to LMH.

We want to become yet more diverse and inclusive, and a gift to Outreach could help us attract the best students from the widest pool of applicants.

**Gifts to outreach enable applicants from low-income backgrounds to visit LMH:**

**£15 - Lunch for three applicants**

**£50 - Fuel for a school to visit us**

**£100 - Covers an overnight stay at LMH**



# Your gift could help protect the wellbeing of LMH students

You can help us to further develop a caring and supportive environment at LMH with a gift to our **welfare** programme.

More young people than ever before are presenting with mental ill-health across the UK, and in Oxford the University's Counselling Service is stretched beyond capacity. The pressures of studying can contribute to depression and anxiety in students, many of whom are grappling with the additional stresses of living away from home for the first time. Perhaps most worrying of all is that many students never disclose the difficulties they are experiencing.

## What will investing in welfare at LMH achieve?

- Access to self-care resources that all students can benefit from
- Better emergency care for students in crisis
- Support for those on waiting lists for professional counselling
- Encourage health and wellbeing through use of the gardens and participation in sports



*Students taking a break during the LMH welfare week*



The percentage of the student population at Oxford accessing Counselling Services has been increasing every year

*Figures from the University's Counselling Service Annual Report 2016-17.*

**"I don't know if you have access to student exam results, but in the event that you don't I should tell you I got a first (and a prize). I couldn't have considered it, let alone achieve it, without the study skills lessons so please know that you have the deepest thanks I am capable of giving."**

*Extract from student feedback following study skills tuition from Dr Coombe last year*



## Your gift could teach lifelong study skills

Oxford is a challenging and exhilarating place to study. The students we admit to LMH have proved their academic ability but that doesn't mean they arrive already equipped with all of the skills they will need during their degree. Whether it's a particularly tricky essay topic, or keeping pace with the reading list or the intensive eight week terms, almost all students falter at some point during their time at Oxford.

LMH has established the **The Oxford Study Skills Centre at LMH**, the first of its kind in Oxford, in order to empower students to get the most out of their short time at Oxford. Helping students to keep on top of their studies not only improves academic results but also reduces stress, allowing students to fully enjoy their subject and everything else that Oxford has to offer them.

The centre is open to all LMH students who need guidance, through group sessions or one-to-one meetings, on how to study more effectively and get the best results they can. Thanks to a donation of £100,000, we only have another £20,000 still to see the centre through its first three years. Your support would be a vital part of creating this new academic resource.

*What skills will the Centre offer support in?*

- *Essay writing*
- *Structuring arguments*
- *Time management*
- *Using academic resources*

# Your gift could open doors to disadvantaged students

The **LMH Foundation Year** is an excellent example of how your gifts have enabled us to make a real and meaningful change.

We want to ensure that access to the College is open to anyone with a high level of academic potential, but someone who has lived in care, grown up in a deprived area, or had to care for a parent might see an Oxford education as out of their reach. The Foundation Year course was designed to bridge that gap. The students receive a special curriculum designed to give them the academic skills they need, as well as course-specific knowledge, to progress to undergraduate study at Oxford.

## What have we achieved so far?

21 students have completed the course

76% progressed to an undergraduate degree at LMH, and the rest went on to another top University

£1.1m raised in donations to fund the four year pilot

## What lies ahead?

Third cohort started in October 2018

Cambridge University announced their own foundation year, referencing LMH's success, to launch in 2020

**£500,000** to raise to support two further years of the course

**£20 per month from 100 alumni** would support the costs of a Foundation Year student for one year.

We would not have been able to provide this course without the support of the 200 alumni and friends who have donated so far. Please join us in securing the future of this life-changing course by making a gift to the Foundation Year.

*"The Foundation Year has been life-changing. It's amazing – I was a different person last September and I've completed the year with more confidence, greater ambition, and deeper understanding. I'm looking forward to seeing how my next three years at LMH unfold."*

*Cherelle Malongo (Foundation Year Student 2017/18, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History)*





Your gift can **create opportunities for current and future generations of LMH students**

Last year almost **1280** people made a gift to LMH, and a third of the amount we raised came from gifts of under £5,000, including single and regular donations.

Those gifts equated to over £313,000 for LMH, or the equivalent of:

<b>626 grants for modern linguists on their year abroad</b>	<b>84 full undergraduate bursaries</b>
<b>1,252 support grants for academic projects</b>	<b>313 JCR Welfare Teas</b>

**Thank you to everyone who has supported the College so far. We hope you will join us this year in supporting the next generation of LMH students.**

-  To make an immediate impact with a single donation...
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