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Welcome...

STARTING SECOND YEAR

Conleth Burns (JCR President) interviews Miles Young (Warden) as they both look to their second year in Oxford.



The Warden, Miles Young, and JCR President, Conleth Burns



The College JCR Committee 1974-1975; The Warden was JCR Steward

C oluche and Régisse (the Warden's dogs) welcome me to the Tower Room of the Lodgings for a conversation with the occupant, Miles Young. Exactly a year ago, I was a 'Fresher Lawyer' and Miles was the 'Fresher Warden'; he, the first business person to be Head of House at an Oxford college; I, the first student from my school to make it to Oxford. One year on, I ask Miles to look back on the first year. He describes how it was 'frightening at first... coming back to Britain after 25 years and being out of the academic world for a very long time.' I am sure that the 135 JCR and 111 MCR Freshers who started this week would have experienced very similar feelings. It took a lunch party with his partner Lammy and some of his Oxford contemporaries, before his installation, for Miles to feel 'at home' in his new role.

Looking around at the 46 Coats of Arms in the Tower Room, I probe Miles on what his experience at Ogilvy & Mather will bring to the Wardenship: 'Clearly one comes with a different way of looking at things, the fact that we've now got a "content officer", the fact that we have an access strategy (which we honestly didn't have before) means

something.' It seems to me that Miles' strategic experience is making a welcome impact on college life. Nonetheless, Miles is conscious that he is not at New College to be a 'Chief Executive Warden'. He believes he is here to 'catalyse, not direct' and finds help in his understanding of 'New College's genetic code': a code of Manners Makyth Man, of tradition and diversity, of social conscience and occasional non-conformity.

As I start my year as JCR President, it's a chance to compare notes with the Warden who was Steward (President equivalent) of the JCR in 1975. I ask Miles if New College has changed fundamentally since then: 'Not at all. I felt it might have coming in... but when I came back I found it fundamentally *unchanged*.' When Miles was Steward of the JCR, he was not occupied by group chats, emails and Facebook pages (part of my daily dosage); I ask him about balancing modernity and tradition. 'The presumption always has to be in favour of tradition, but with a sceptical, enquiring, curious, questioning mindset which allows you to introduce modernity, if and when you feel the organisation needs it.' He summarises: 'you can be the most modern university in the world, but you can still wear a gown.'

Miles' role is not merely confined inside the walls of New College; I ask him to outline what New College's contribution to Oxford is today. As an active member of Conference of Colleges, chairing the Development Panel and the Disabilities Sub-Group, he believes that 'to be isolated from the University is a profoundly bad thing.' Yet he also says 'I will, 'till my last breath, believe that New College is the best college in the University of Oxford – but this is not at the expense of the University.' He believes New College can play a role in 'defending the tutorial system which is in need of defending,' and can 'help find the appropriate balance between teaching and research,' in a positive-sum rather than zero-sum game.

I ask if it's too early to predict what Miles' legacy will be? 'I think that it would be pretentious and un-New College to think in these terms' he



New College Society Garden Party, 24 June 2017

responds. But the biggest feature of this Wardenship will be finishing the new Mansfield Road Development. Miles is not focusing only on the bricks and mortar, but hopes his legacy will be quads that are 'human, active, open, used, enjoyed' and 'will not feel like a hall of residence somewhere outside the college, but will actually feel like a part of the college.' This all starts by insisting that William of Wykeham be there to watch over future generations of students, and remind them that Manners Makyth Man.

Conleth Burns



Meeting Minds Alumni Weekend in Hong-Kong, March 2017



Gauze for Matriculation Years 2003-2005



New College Society Young Old Member's Drinks, June 2017

Front Cover Picture: The New College Society Garden Party and BBQ Lunch, Saturday 24 June 2017

WIDENING ACCESS



Delegates listening to the panel discussion. Photo courtesy of John Cairns

The work that the college does in order to widen participation to the University continues to develop, evolve, and grow. This has meant that the past year has been a busy, but extremely productive, period of time. A major focus for our year revolved around the realisation that we must work with teachers more closely. Consequently, in July 2017, we were thrilled to host an inaugural Teachers' Conference. The one day event, entitled 'Oxford University: Open to All', incorporated short presentations from Oxford University staff and students, a panel discussion, and a keynote address from New College alumni, Katharine Birbalsingh. The day also allowed us to build relationships with schools from across the country and to spread the message that Oxford University truly is, 'open to all'.

During this event, we also officially launched our exciting new sustained-contact initiative. New College's 'Step Up' programme is designed to inspire and support state-school students throughout Years 11, 12 and 13. The programme is designed to ensure that state-school students

are fully equipped and effectively supported so that they recognise Oxford as a realistic and achievable option for them in the future. Working closely with schools over a long period of time, rather than focusing on isolated, one-off visits, will ensure that students and teachers receive sufficient support to build a competitive application. In its pilot year, we are working with 11 schools from across the UK and we hope that the programme will grow in its second year. If you are a teacher, or are connected to a state-school in some way, and would like your school to be considered for the programme, please email admissions@new.ox.ac.uk.

The Step Up programme has worked alongside an inspiring social media campaign from the JCR. Their Facebook page, 'New: Over the Wall' provides candid and honest insights into life at New College, and helps to challenge the many myths that can so easily alter a person's perception of an Oxford University student. You can see the stories by visiting www.facebook/newoverthewall.



Top: Access and Admissions Administrator, Daniel Powell, launches the Step Up Campaign.

Middle: Professor Ashleigh Griffin (Biological Sciences) chats to teachers over coffee.

All photos courtesy of John Cairns

We have also been pleased to welcome Misha Brazier-Tope to the Academic Office. Misha joins New College as the Communications and Access Officer, enabling us to enhance our widening participation work.

Since January 2017, we have worked with an impressive 468 state-school students. We hope that they are all inspired to become part of the future of this historic institution.



St Ebbs Primary School, near Folly Bridge, Oxford, visited New College at 11am on 20 March 2017, as part of their school project on college's crests. The trip was arranged by New College Old Member, Yan Wong (1992).

GRADEL QUADRANGLES

MARK CURTIS,
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

New College has embarked on an ambitious scheme to redevelop the Savile Road site to create a new living and working space in a stunning new architectural setting. The largest development since the New Buildings on Holywell Street in the late 1800s, the project will:

- Enable the College to house all undergraduates who wish to live in for all of their course
 - an additional 70 student rooms (108 in total on the site) will be created, thereby allowing the College to offer high-quality accommodation to all undergraduates.
- Provide a state-of-the-art flexible study and teaching space
 - workspace for students to study on their own or in small groups as well as a space for lectures, symposia and break-out group work.
- Create a multi-purpose arts and performance venue
 - a space for concerts, theatre, exhibitions and talks, with associated foyer areas and catering facilities.
- Build new facilities for New College School
 - in reconfiguring the site, part of the new building will house school dining and kitchen facilities, classrooms for the pre-prep and a new assembly hall.

The project has been made possible thanks to an extraordinarily generous donation from Chris Gradel (1990), after whom the site will be named. The College is committing to fund a third of the project and other donations are being sought for major parties of the development, including opportunities to name specific elements. Please contact Mark Curtis (mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk) for further information.



The current site, bounded by Mansfield Road to the east and Savile Road to the south

Following extensive discussions with Historic England and Oxford City Council, as well as local consultations, the College expects to submit a planning application by the end of the year, with a view to commencing work

on site next summer. The complexities of the site and the necessary phasing of the project suggest that it will take three years to complete the whole development.



The main entrance to the site through a new Porters Lodge on Mansfield Road



The proposed new development



New Warham House and the Tower, forming the south side of East Quad



The new double height Performance Hall



West Quad viewed from the south; the oculus provides lighting to the Learning Exchange below as well as seating within the Quad



The Learning Exchange, providing work space for students and a venue for lectures and talks

EVENTS



ABOVE: 24 MARCH 2017

NEW COLLEGE SINGAPORE DINNER

A part of the University's *Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend in Asia*, Old Members joined the Warden, Miles Young, for a dinner at the China Club, Singapore, kindly hosted by Andreas Sohmen-Pao (1989). **Above (left to right):** Michael Mackenzie (1975), Andy Wilson (1989) and Andreas Sohmen-Pao.



ABOVE: 27 JUNE 2017

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK

The Entrepreneurs Network held its inaugural drinks reception at the Upper Deck, Millbank Tower, London. The new network has been set up to link former students who have become entrepreneurs since leaving college. **Above (left to right):** Yuan Chen (2004), Alexander Hearn (2001) and Jacob Cockcroft (2000).

RIGHT AND BELOW: 24 JUNE 2017

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY GARDEN PARTY AND BBQ LUNCH

Old Members and their family and friends during the BBQ lunch. A lovely, fun-packed, relaxed and informal day in college. The day started with a trip to Giffords Circus in University Parks. The bouncy castle, face painter and Jazz band proved, once again, to be a great hit.



Right: 20 May 2017

OPEN DAY FOR THE PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

The College opened its doors to the families of first year students for a reception and lunch, followed by the chance to view an exhibition of archive materials and the JCR art collection.





ABOVE: 29 JUNE 2016

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY YOUNG OLD MEMBERS DRINKS RECEPTION

The Warden, Miles Young, hosted a drinks reception at 2 Brydges Place, London. A lovely evening was had, catching up with old friends, by Old Members who matriculated since 2004.

Above: Poppy Rimington-Pounder (2011 – red top) and contemporaries during the reception.

RIGHT: 2 SEPTEMBER 2017

GAUDE 1971-1975

Above (Left to right): Nick Szczepanik (1972), Chris Eyre (1971), Peter Davies (1971), Richard Cockton (1971) and James Reid (1972) during the reception. They represent members of the 1973 New College 2nd XI Football Team.

Below: The original 1973 team.

BELOW: 23 SEPTEMBER 2017

GAUDE 2003-2005

Below: Gaudé attendees enjoying the pre-dinner reception.

Bottom: Enjoying afternoon tea in the Cloisters.



LEFT: 6 AND 7 JULY 2017

EURIPIDES' THE BACCHAE

Thiasos Theatre Company performed Euripides' *The Bacchae*, on the Mound at New College. Produced by Emeritus Fellow, Robin Lane Fox and Artistic Director at Thiasos Theatre Company, Yana Sistovari.

Left: The maenads



BELOW: 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

NEW COLLEGE JAPAN DINNER

Mr Yutaka Aso (1969 - first row, third from right) kindly hosting a dinner for Old Members of New College at the Kojunsha Club, Tokyo.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017/18

Please visit the Old Members area of the college website for regularly updated information:
www.new.ox.ac.uk/oldmembers

VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Tickets can be purchased via the University of Oxford Online Store by visiting the Old Members and Friends events page link above.

NEW COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

at St John's Smith Square, London

Sunday, 10 December 2017

Tickets available directly through the SJSS website: <https://www.sjss.org.uk/events/choir-new-college-oxford>

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY CITY AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Tuesday, 23 January 2018

Members of the Network will receive an invitation in the coming months.

MEETING MINDS:

ALUMNI WEEKEND IN ROME

16-18 March 2018

As part of the Rome Reunion New College will hold an event. Date and venue to be confirmed. Invitations will be sent.

NORTH AMERICAN ALUMNI WEEKEND IN SAN FRANCISCO

Friday, 6 & Saturday, 7 April 2018

ANNUAL INTER-COLLEGE

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, 13 April 2018

Frilford Heath Golf Club, Oxford. Please email the New College Golf Team Captain, Jim Reeve (1979), to register your interest. jetreeve@uk2.net

NEW COLLEGE LAW SOCIETY DINNER

Saturday, 28 April 2018

For more information and to book your place please contact the New College Law Society President: victoria.kearsey@new.ox.ac.uk

OPEN DAY AND LUNCH

For the Parents, Family and Friends of First Year Students

Saturday, 19 May 2018

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY

GARDEN PARTY AND BBQ LUNCH

Saturday, 23 June 2018

OPERA IN THE WARDEN'S GARDEN

This year's opera will be *Il mondo della luna* (The World on the Moon), 1777 by Joseph Haydn.

Saturday, 7 July 2018

Friday, 13 July 2018

A booking form is enclosed.

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS 1951 AND EARLIER

Saturday, 8 September 2018

Invitations to be sent in Hilary term 2018.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI WEEKEND

14-16 September 2018

Please visit the Old Members & Friends area of the College website for more information.

GAUDE FOR MATRICULATION YEARS 1960-1965

Saturday, 22 September 2018

Invitations to be sent in Hilary term 2018.

NEW COLLEGE SOCIETY CAREERS FORUM

Saturday, 3 November 2018

WYKEHAM SOCIETY AND 1379

CIRCLE LUNCH AND CONCERT

Saturday, 10 November 2018

NEW COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

If you are not already on the mailing list for any of the following professional network groups and would like to be added please let us know by emailing oldmembers@new.ox.ac.uk

City and Professional

Entrepreneurs

Government and Public Service

Life Sciences

Media

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New College, Oxford Old Members



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CHRISTMAS CARDS 2017

You can now order the New College Christmas Cards online. £6.50 per pack of 10, by visiting the Oxford University Shop at: www.oushop.com/Oxford-Colleges/New-College



'Book of Hours, c.1500, New College'



'Angel Gabriel'

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Development Office (01865 279317) to make your order.

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