
THE HOLYWELL MANOR FUND

SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF
SCHOLARS AT OXFORD'S PREMIER GRADUATE CENTRE



Holywell Manor has, for me, been more than a community of scholars - it is that too - but more importantly it has felt like a family and a home.

My time as a member of the MCR has been highlighted, first and foremost, by the friendships I have made, which help to make the Manor feel like more than simply a place to live.

The most striking thing is the generosity of every graduate, be it with their time or their unique skills. This generosity is a part of the fabric of the Manor that captures the imagination of all MCR members to strive to make everyone's experience here truly life changing.

Rahul Nath, DPhil Economics (2013)
Assistant Praefectus

Will you change
their lives with
your generosity?



Your gifts protect and enrich the community at the Manor for the years and decades to come

To mark the special occasion of the Manor's 85th anniversary in 2017, the College has launched the Holywell Manor Fund to encourage and support Balliol's community of postgraduates.

For many years Holywell Manor has been the heart of a community of scholars from all over the world. The Manor has provided the foundation for many talented young academics to start their career; their own specialisms enhanced by the inter-disciplinary atmosphere that permeates one of the most diverse graduate institutions in Oxford.

As an international student, I arrived in Oxford not really knowing what to expect of the MCR. I soon discovered a warm and vibrant community at Holywell Manor.

Having spent a year in the Manor, I now understand why it is the envy of every other graduate student community in Oxford. Thank you for helping us to keep it that way!

Philip Williams, MPhil Law (2016)
MCR President 2016/17



A gift of £20 a month will fund a grant to support a graduate to continue their studies in case of unexpected financial difficulty.

Your generosity helps Balliol to retain talented students

Without a graduate bursary I would never have been able to go straight into my MSt in Early Modern Literature (1550-1700) after graduating this summer.

Thanks to gifts from Old Members, I've been able to dive straight back into researching the role of the fictional persona in sixteenth century printed prayer manuals, an area I became interested in during my finals and will be the focus of my dissertation this year.

It's wonderful to stay involved with all of the societies and groups that I loved as an undergraduate. This year, I'll continue organising events for the Balliol Literary Society, of which I was a founding member in second year.

Over the past few months I've really enjoyed getting to know the graduate community at Holywell Manor; it's such an active and welcoming MCR. I'm so glad I've had the chance to get to know this other side of Balliol.

Ellen Ellis, MSt English (2016)



Last year, your generosity helped to provide 16 Bursaries and 31 Maintenance Grants to help talented Graduate students who were experiencing financial hardship. Thank you.

A gift of £500 a year will fund a grant for a talented graduate student.

Your generosity means that the Manor can continue to attract the brightest minds from around the world

For more than a century some of the very brightest students from across the globe have studied for second BAs and graduate degrees at Balliol and enjoyed the vibrant social and intellectual community at the Manor.

Balliol is extremely proud to award a number of scholarships each year to exceptional students from a wide range of countries and disciplines, funded by generous donations from Old Members and external partners. These include a large number of Rhodes, Commonwealth and Marshall Scholars, and the Dervorguilla and Clarendon Scholarships, awarded by the College - the most promising young academics eager to experience the best of Oxford.

Balliol welcomes one of the first Chinese Rhodes Scholars

This term Wanyu Zhang joined Balliol, one of the first Rhodes Scholars from China. For her first degree Wanyu read Law at Peking University, where she received a national scholarship for the top 0.2% of university students. She has also been an active volunteer both at her University and in Sichuan province (where she grew up), focussing on the families of migrant-workers who have suffered from occupational diseases. She is studying for a second BA in PPE and, during her time at Oxford, hopes to explore the theoretical underpinnings of social justice to make law meaningful for marginalised populations.



Manorites have gone on to be some of the world's most prominent leaders in business, politics, the arts and education over the years. Will you make a gift to ensure that we can continue to support tomorrow's leaders?

Make the most of your gift by giving regularly...

Annual and monthly gifts support students most. The transformational impact of regular, committed giving, ensures that the College can confidently and continually enable every student to achieve their potential during their time here.

Regular gifts allow the College to:

- Respond within, on average, two days when a student faces unexpected financial difficulty, safe in the knowledge that funds are available.
- Support students who rely on bursaries and grants for the duration of their time at Balliol.
- Continue to improve and protect Holywell Manor and the range of facilities available to graduates.
- Ensure that students can make the most of their time by providing them with research and travel grants to enrich their studies.
- Fund special projects of direct benefit to graduate students, for example the Holywell Manor Festival.

...what's more, all regular donations will be matched for the first year!

An anonymous Old Member, recognising the importance of regular gifts to Balliol students, has pledged to double the first year value of all new regular donations. So, this year, your regular gift will be worth twice as much.



Recognising the difference you make

To recognise the significant contribution regular donors make to Balliol, the College will launch the Jowett Society in 2017.

The Society will celebrate everything that regular donors make possible, and has been named after one of Balliol's greatest Masters – Benjamin Jowett. Jowett was an education reformer, lauded for championing access by merit and introducing the tutorial system, two traditions that Balliol is proud to continue today.

Annual membership will comprise those who currently make a regular gift, and those who have made gifts in each of the last three consecutive years. You are invited to become a Founding Member of the Jowett Society by making your regular gift today.

Old Members who make a gift of £1,263 or \$2,000 a year (or more) will also be part of the 1263 Circle within the Jowett Society.



All donors making regular gifts will be invited to the Jowett Bicentenary Weekend in March 2017 to celebrate the wonderful impact they have on student lives.



Being part of the Manor and the MCR has without doubt been the highlight of my Oxford experience.

I've found it to be an incredibly supportive and intellectually stimulating environment, and I've gained a huge amount from rubbing shoulders with brilliant young thinkers from a range of disciplines and backgrounds from around the world.

Helen Taylor, DPhil Law (2013)

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