



JESUS COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN



"Without the generosity of the benefactors of my scholarship, I wouldn't be able to undertake my research or experience the richness of Cambridge life in the way that I do. I'm very conscious of that, and it is a real motivation to my work – for me to make sure that it is not only done, but done well; and that it is work which can make a real difference."

David (PhD in Intellectual History)

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Jesus College constantly strives to improve upon its competitive suite of financial support for students. Nearly 50% of students receive some form of financial support from Jesus College every year. The College always aims to assist any student in financial need, awarding means-tested bursaries to undergraduates, scholarships to postgraduates, and ancillary grants for students facing urgent or unexpected expenses.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, we awarded a record 137 bursaries to undergraduates, with more students than ever before being eligible for a bursary of between £100-£3,500. The College is grateful that it can offer 60 bursaries fully or partially funded by donors, but as the Senior Tutor anticipates a continued increase in bursary eligibility, the College must find other sources of funding to finance the total cost of bursaries.

With your assistance, we can continue to offer a comprehensive package of financial support to our students. Your contribution is not only critical financial support for students who need it, it is also an investment in the future of our College and its ongoing success – and ensure that the best young minds, from all backgrounds, will be encouraged to apply to and thrive here at Jesus.



"Throughout my career in Higher Education, rarely have I encountered an institution as academically rigorous, as egalitarian, or as progressive as Jesus College. The supportive collegiate community at Jesus combined with the academic power of the University provides our students with a holistic university experience, stimulating their intellectual curiosity and personal development, and helping shape them into productive members of global society."

Professor Ian Paterson (Emeritus Fellow)

TEACHING

Jesus students at all levels continue to achieve remarkable results. For undergraduates, supervisions remain the defining feature of a Cambridge education, and many Jesus academics are supervisors and Directors of Studies – paying close attention to their tutees' development.

However, this personalised approach with small class sizes and access to experts carries a high price. Cambridge's new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Debbie Prentice, recently estimated that a Cambridge BA costs £22,000 per student per year, while undergraduate fees have been frozen at £9,250 until at least 2025-2026.

Donations towards teaching are a vital source of income and help ensure the increasing underfunding of Higher Education does not undermine the quality of a Cambridge education.



"Access and outreach work, both pre-university and while studying at Jesus, is critical in making a world-class educational experience available to everyone. Thanks to alumni donations and the bursary funds they help establish, living in Jesus College is less expensive than if I were to study at my local university of Queen's, Belfast. Academic potential should be the sole determining factor for acceptance at Cambridge and because of philanthropy it can be."

Jamie Brannigan (2017, Medical & Veterinary Sciences)

OUTREACH AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION

Jesus College is committed to widening access to our world-class education through our outreach and widening participation programme. This aims to encourage and enthuse young people to apply to Cambridge regardless of financial or educational background.

The Schools Liaison Officer and student ambassadors visit a number of schools delivering sessions aimed at supporting school pupils to consider continuing to higher education in the College's link areas, which include the county of Tyne and Wear, the London boroughs of Brent, Ealing and Westminster, and three schools in Peterborough. In the 2022-2023 academic year, the North-East Schools Tour saw 47 sessions in 30 schools reaching over 1,100 students. Multiple residentials and taster days for students in Year 10 and Year 12 are also held in College.

Donations help to raise the aspirations of the best and brightest, who might otherwise have worried that Oxbridge and other top universities were not open to them.

"I cherished my time at Jesus College. The beauty of the buildings and grounds makes studying here feel very special, and the proximity of the well-maintained sports facilities generates many social opportunities and real balance in one's academic life. Thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, students like me are supported throughout our time in Cambridge and can consider ourselves extremely blessed to have studied here."

Angus Harron (2019, History)



BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The College's buildings and facilities contribute to an outstanding educational environment for our students. In addition to a rolling programme of repair and renovation across the College estate, we are also keen to reimagine spaces that have the potential to transform the student experience.

The all-important kitchen redevelopment project, which included refurbishment of Hall and Upper Hall – with state-of-the-art technology, sustainability features and innovative design incorporated in the complex layout, was recently completed and the College was delighted to open a new multi-faith space, a calm space for prayer and reflection for College members of all faiths and none.

We also have a responsibility to preserve and protect our built environment for the benefit of our community. Donations can help defray costs to the College and release funds to be used for other projects.

"Students come to me for a variety of reasons, whether they just need a little extra support or find themselves in a full-blown crisis, with issues ranging from exam stress to trauma and everything in between. Since starting at Jesus, I've seen more and more students coming forward, being open and willing to discuss mental health issues. As the stigma around mental health diminishes, and the number of students entering College with pre-existing mental health conditions increases, more students are accessing College resources. This growing demand has led the College to assess its support provision, and consider how we can continue to help our students with the prevention and management of mental health issues."

Rachel Michel (College's Mental Health Nurse)



STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Everyone at Jesus College cares deeply about the mental health and wellbeing of our students. The stresses and strains of academic study at Cambridge can conflate with financial pressures, family circumstances, and challenges with mental and physical health. We want to be there to support anyone who needs us.

The College takes a proactive approach to mental health and wellbeing, providing a supportive environment for our students, and collaborating with central University support services to provide a high standard of pastoral care and welfare support. Students can access appointments with the College's in-house Mental Health Nurse, who offers assessments, advice, and signposting to support services. The College's six Welfare Tutors are available to listen and offer welfare support and Walk and Wag with the Rev'd James Crockford and Pippy the Welfare Dog encourages physical exercise and mental respite. The College's sports clubs and societies offer another positive outlet.

With the support of donations for mental health and wellbeing, we can continue to provide the best possible resources, as well as social and recreational facilities that enable every Jesus student to realise their personal potential.

"I am delighted to be able to support the activities of the College both financially and via the mentoring scheme. The College experience is unique and transformative, and I'm committed to ensuring that it's accessible to every deserving student, no matter their situation or background. Creating a diverse community builds a stronger community – it's great to see College dedicated to this principle, which I wholeheartedly support. Staff in the Development and Alumni Relations Office have been incredibly supportive in shaping ways to make my giving most meaningful and impactful. I'm grateful to be able to help students take the next step on their learning journeys and open doors that may otherwise be closed to them."

James Osborn (2001, Mathematics)



CAREERS AND MENTORING

One of the Master's main objectives when she started her tenure was to embed a system of support to help Jesus students prepare for life after College. The brief years spent at Jesus are a transformational time, and it's vital that students are ready to transition from education to the world of work.

Jesus Connect, our online mentoring and networking platform, is a highlight of the programme and has already reached thousands of Jesuans. Students can tap into a wealth of work-related knowledge using this vast network of alumni, many of whom volunteer their time by reading CVs, form mentoring partnerships, or lead a Careers event in College, such as 'In the Business Of...' sessions.

The Careers Programme was founded by the generosity of our community and donations will help us maintain and extend the support we can offer our students post-education.



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Each year, over 1,500 alumni and friends make a gift to the College.

Whether through our world-class education, the unique experience of being a student here, or the impact of our research, Jesus College changes lives. We rely on the generosity of our community to continue our work, and to ensure that what makes our College a special place to live, work, and study is preserved for future generations. Gifts from our community are key to advancing the College's educational mission.

Your philanthropic investment nurtures the potential of the talented young minds who come here to learn and discover. Jesus students continue to put in powerful academic performances while taking advantage of the creative, sporting and career-development opportunities offered at College. We want to empower everyone who arrives at Jesus to make the most of their time in this inspiring environment. Collective power can make a real difference.

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