PEMBROKE
ANNUAL FUND
2016 - 17

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

OUR ACADEMIC HEART

21ST CENTURY COLLEGE
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Making the Pembroke Experience Accessible

- To talented applicants from all backgrounds and lower financial barriers
- Inspire motivated sixth formers with our acclaimed Access programmes to apply to Pembroke, Oxford and top universities
- Provide a rounded experience and help our students prepare for employment and leadership through a variety of sports, arts and other College-based activities.

A gift for Opportunities enhances the entire community. You will be playing a pivotal role in encouraging and enabling lively, bright and enquiring students from everywhere to come to Pembroke.

Annual Fund Grants for Student Activities

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18 Annual Fund Awards were made to Pembroke Societies in 2015 - 16
The tutorial system played a huge part in convincing me to come to Pembroke. Having hour-long discussions with professors and researchers who are at the top of their field is an opportunity I wouldn’t have found elsewhere. The tutorials helped develop my critical thinking and ability not to accept what I was taught at face-value. Instead they taught me to critique the material to form my own opinions and be able to defend them.

Pembroke challenged me in a special way – our students have much more independence and control over their schedules and are asked to reflect on the material every week with essays or set problems. I wholeheartedly believe that I have grown as a student and an independent learner.
The 1954 Year Group have joined together and built up a 5-figure pot over the years to assist students financially.

**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: GROUP GIVING BENEFITS WHOLE PEMBROKE COMMUNITY**

By providing over £12,000 each year from the pot, they ensure these students will each have copies of their essential textbooks to keep throughout the year. They demonstrate the power of collective alumni support and help keep the Pembroke offering attractive for talented students. With additional gifts to the Annual Fund in support of our 21st Century College, Pembroke will be able to build on schemes like this and offer even more support in the future.

Please join our growing community of Pembroke supporters!

*In response to our students’ direct needs, they are funding book grants for three years for ALL Freshers and Finalists in the Humanities and Social Sciences.*
Annual Fund gifts make a meaningful and vital contribution to Pembroke and its students each year. Donations of all sizes really add up, making it the cornerstone for student support, strengthening our academic programmes and enhancing our Library as well as other facilities.

The Annual Fund is our vehicle for ensuring a rapid response to Pembroke’s needs, as they arise and as – inevitably – they change from day to day. Some needs may appear more appealing than others but this doesn’t diminish the importance of dealing with them. Unrestricted gifts to the College’s area of greatest need at any given time are incredibly valuable to Pembroke, whether they are used to improve our physical or academic infrastructure: we will always make clear to our alumni the categories which benefited from regular gifts each year.

Pembroke today is thriving - a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic academic community. The College brims with opportunities for students to discover and explore their interests - academic, sporting and cultural - through its societies, clubs and events. As they map their own path through all that Oxford has to offer, students emerge with confidence in to the world of work and beyond.

All gifts to the Annual Fund support our continued efforts to maintain the extraordinary choices on offer at Pembroke. When you make a donation you are joining a loyal community of alumni and friends who continually step up to support our aims. Your combined generosity inspires and equips each generation of our students to realise their full potential.