The academic year is well underway, and we have been proud to welcome talented students from across the UK and from many countries of the world. Pembroke’s community is full of academic excitement and the whole College is buzzing with purposeful activity – in the library, in tutorial rooms, in our auditorium, and in Farthings café.

We are buoyed by the growing involvement and support of our alumni helping us fulfil individual ambitions and dreams through the Annual Fund.

Lynne Brindley, Master

The Pembroke Annual Fund has a powerful impact on all of our students.

- It allows us to meet the most pressing needs of our community and guarantees a host of opportunities for our students
- When alumni join forces and support the College in large numbers, it has a profound impact on the student experience each year
- Our gift will...
  - Support and nurture talent: providing bursaries and hardship grants, so there are no financial barriers to studying at Pembroke
  - Provide a rounded experience: ensuring students have the chance to develop skills for employment by taking part – and taking the lead – in sports, arts and other College societies
  - Inspire motivated minds: enabling our acclaimed access activities to reach more sixth formers who want to broaden their academic horizons, introducing them to university-style learning

"I was a medical student at Pembroke. Today I deplore the lack of funding for the humanities. I give enthusiastically to Graduate Scholarships to enhance Pembroke’s reputation for research across the entire academic spectrum."

Prof David Speller 1954, Medicine (Clinical)

"Applying to Oxford had always been in the back of my mind but I didn’t seriously consider it until my Access Tutor at Sixth Form recommended I apply to Pembroke, because of its fantastic North West Access Scheme. I’m really enjoying my Law course, and I love living in Oxford; its buildings and sights make it a wonderful place to study. Being at Pembroke has opened up so many amazing opportunities, such as meeting Lord Neuberger at Pembroke’s Annual Blackstone Lecture. I couldn’t imagine studying anywhere else!"

Kat Howarth, 2013 Jurisprudence

"It has been fantastic to live in the refurbished bedrooms and be this year’s Pembroke Musical Director – all possible because of the Pembroke Annual Fund."

Dorothy Tang 2013, Music

Pembroke is a great place to teach – we have a vibrant community with fellows, graduates and undergraduates learning together.”

Dr Alfons Weber, Fellow in Physics

Kat and other Pembroke students meet Lord Neuberger, President of The Supreme Court, at Pembroke’s Annual Blackstone Lecture.
OUR ACADEMIC HEART

It’s an honour to study English at Pembroke, where the authors of The Knight of the Burning Pestle, Religio Medici, The Hobbit, and Johnson’s Dictionary studied or taught. Today Pembroke continues to enhance its reputation for world-class academics across the humanities and sciences. Without the generous support I received in the form of a Pembroke Graduate Scholarship, I simply would not have been able to pursue my DPhil at Oxford, nor would I have had the opportunity to volunteer with the committee which organises Pembroke’s annual JRR Tolkien Lecture on Fantasy Literature, a highlight of my time at Oxford.

— Will Badger, 2011, English DPhil

Your donation will...
- Create academic success: giving scholarships and awards to undergraduates, helping us to attract the most promising candidates globally
- Protect tutorial teaching: ensuring our students continue to learn from and debate with top academics in their field, an invaluable experience at the heart of College life
- Support outstanding researchers: enriching our academic community with post-graduate scholars, and providing grants for conferences and research trips

Pembroke’s Library is a hub for learning and central to the student experience, providing access to everything needed for academic success. The McGowin Library houses a large variety of resources across the disciplines and seeks to support the development of new skills and intellectual exploration beyond our students’ required curriculum. Gifts from alumni help the Library boost academic success by providing core textbooks and specialist readings, and allow us to spread knowledge of Pembroke’s hidden treasures through digitisation, talks and exhibitions.

Your support will...
- Enable year-round study: offering vacation grants so our students can stay in College to study or conduct further research away from Oxford
- Improve our facilities: an ideal environment for academic purposes relies on maintaining our traditional buildings to a high standard and ensuring that our state-of-the-art spaces deliver on the promise of Bridging Centuries
- Provide a pro-active library: giving all students access to borrow essential textbooks, and enabling specialist materials and digital resources to be provided to researchers on demand

— Laura Cracknell, Librarian

21ST CENTURY COLLEGE


— Laura introducing items from the special collection, including some which have been opened up to researchers via a new website digital-collections.pmb.ox.ac.uk.
I give a regular gift to the College by way of thanks to my own Tutor at Pembroke, Vernon Butt, who taught me to think.

Dr Mark Fricker 1981, Botany, Fellow

Following my undergraduate studies here, I was keen to stay at Pembroke to pursue a DPhil and was delighted to be awarded a College Graduate Scholarship.

Katerina Johnson 2014, Interdisciplinary Bioscience DTP

A Pembroke education opens so many doors, and I want others to have these experiences. That’s why I am a regular donor.

Chris Benson 2001, PPE

With its deeply personalized and rigorous tutorial system, Pembroke gave me not only an intellectually challenging academic climate, but also ample scope to nurture and sharpen my specific research interests.

Aniket De 2014, History (Visiting Student)

Pembroke’s Access programmes help the most able students from all backgrounds to pursue the best higher education experience possible. Without the Pembroke Annual Fund, this wouldn’t be possible.

Kenny Dada 2013, French

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Aniket De 2014, History (Visiting Student)