



Supporting a Vibrant
Community

GRADUATE HOUSING

for Pembroke



PEMBROKE
COLLEGE OXFORD

A photograph of a group of people sitting in a room with wood-paneled walls and a chandelier. The room has a curved wall and a large door. The people are sitting on a sofa and a chair, and there is a coffee table in front of them. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark rectangle containing text.

“Graduate students are a key element of the College Community and they will be supported as fully as possible.”

Pembroke College Strategic Plan 2017-2027

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY



Pembroke postgraduate degree holders have made their mark in all walks of life from American politicians William Fulbright, Richard Lugar and Pete Buttigieg, to zoologist and educator Lord John Krebs, and King Abdullah of Jordan.

Oxford University, recently voted number one in the world for the fourth year running, is an ancient centre of excellence with a clear focus on the future. Pembroke College, one of Oxford's component colleges, was founded in 1624 and is a dynamic and collaborative academic community of the highest calibre, relevant to today's world and ready for the challenges of the future.

The growth of graduates at Oxford and at Pembroke College has been one of the biggest changes to the university in recent years. Graduate study is increasingly critical to secure many jobs and to build the next generation of world-leading academics. In the College they add immeasurably to our collegiate life – teaching and mentoring undergraduates, working with our Fellows and academics to enrich the life of the college through seminars and events and participating fully in college sporting and social activities.

Supporting early career academics through Junior Research Fellowships is another one of the major contributions Oxford colleges can make to the next generation of academic leaders. In recent years Pembroke has fostered a number of these future academic superstars leading to tenured posts at the LSE, the Université Paris Diderot, Nottingham, Oxford and the OECD. They also make a major contribution to the college – teaching and enriching the curriculum, collaborating on research with Fellows, and delivering conferences that bring the best of the academic world to Pembroke.

THE PROBLEM

As we look to the future, there is a critical need that must be addressed. Pembroke College is approaching its 400th year and in anticipation of this milestone, and in line with the Governing Body's Strategic Plan, the College is keen to provide additional accommodation for graduates and academic post holders within the College community.

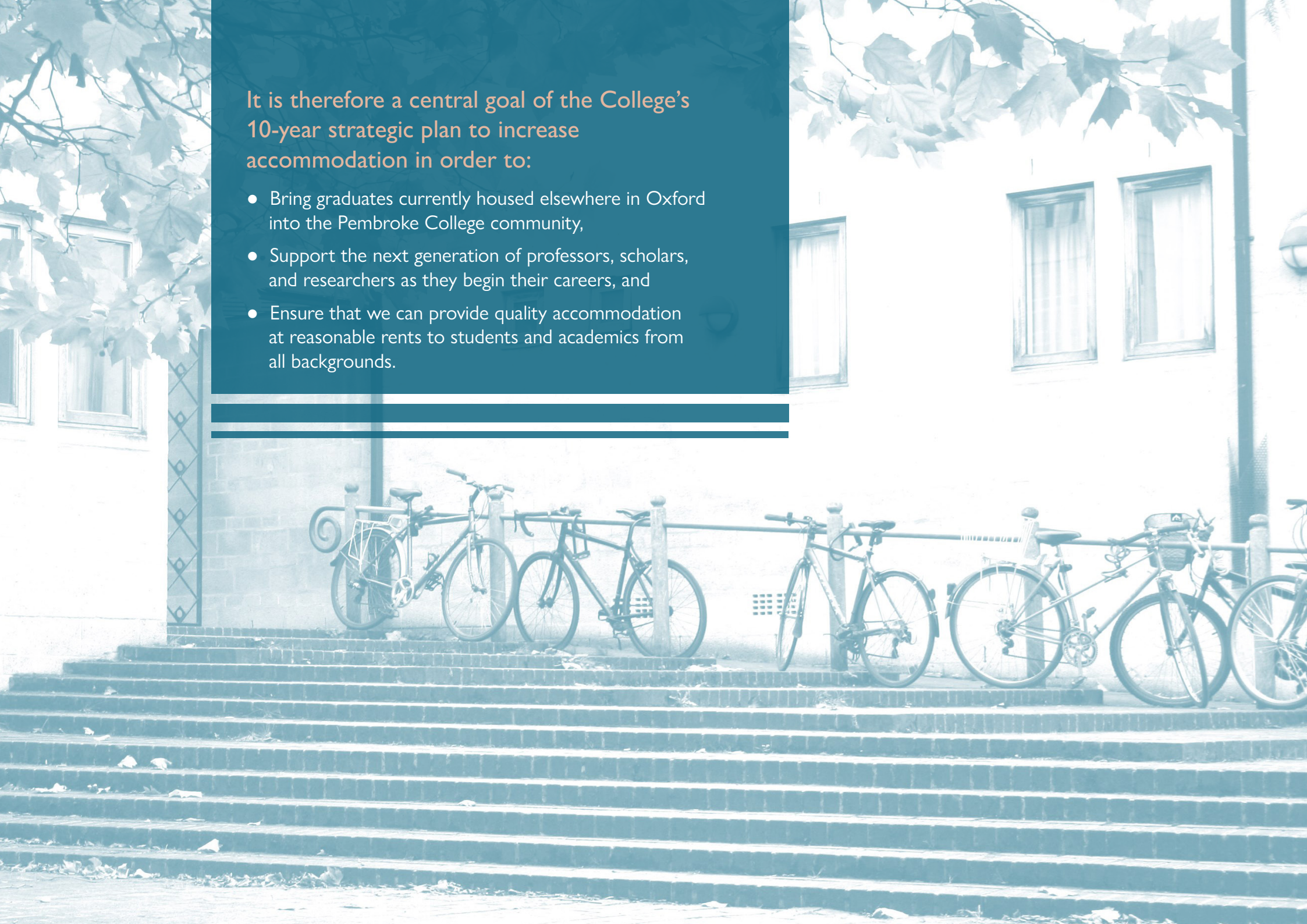
Oxford is an expensive place to live, especially so if you are on limited or no income due to study or a short term junior academic appointment. Sadly, this means that without college accommodation, many individuals may find it too expensive to pursue a degree or work in Oxford, or have to live on the edges of town and therefore not benefit from the multidisciplinary, diverse and international community based in the College.

Pembroke is able to provide sufficient accommodation to house all of its undergraduate community. Currently, however, the College houses only around 25% of its annual intake of graduate students and has very little accommodation for junior research fellows or other members of academic staff who are just starting out in their careers.



It is therefore a central goal of the College's 10-year strategic plan to increase accommodation in order to:

- Bring graduates currently housed elsewhere in Oxford into the Pembroke College community,
- Support the next generation of professors, scholars, and researchers as they begin their careers, and
- Ensure that we can provide quality accommodation at reasonable rents to students and academics from all backgrounds.





THE VISION

The most cost-effective way to do this is to replace an underutilised service block at the College's Geoffrey Arthur Building (GAB) complex with a new block. This development will provide the following benefits:

- An increase in the number of graduates housed in College from 25% to 64%
- 77 student bedrooms including four that are fully accessible and four studio flats for couples
- 10 student kitchen/living areas to be shared in a 'flat-style' arrangement
- A common room for study and socialising
- A space for creativity (e.g. music practice)
- A reduction of pressure on affordable accommodation in the City of Oxford equal to 30 houses
- Increased security and ambience for the GAB and the neighbourhood at large.

Early career academics are a key part of the College's academic community as well as the educators, scientists, and scholars of the future.

The College provides those holding career development posts with access to mentoring and support for their teaching and research activities but is crucially unable at the current time to offer housing. This restricts who can accept such posts, as Oxford's commercial housing market is notoriously expensive.

If sufficient funding can be found, we will also build four self-contained studio flats to accommodate these important members of our community.



NEED FOR SUPPORT

The student block for this project will cost £13 million and an additional £1.4 million is needed for the academic block. While it will generate some income via rents, that income will not offset the expenditure for at least 24 years.

Pembroke is not a rich college and capital investment can be a significant drain on already tight finances. This is even more true since other forms of income on which the College relies have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 Crisis.

Any support is therefore welcome toward the cost of this project or for graduate student scholarships, and we would be delighted to discuss stewardship opportunities, commensurate with the size of gift.

Geoffrey Arthur Development Naming Opportunities

Student Accommodation Block A	£5 million
Student Accommodation Block B	£2 million
Academic Accommodation Block	£1,500,000
Common Room	£1 million
Landscaped Quadrangle	£500,000
Academic Flats (four available)	£250,000 each
Creative Space	£100,000
Student Studio Flat (four available)	£50,000 each
Student Room (75 available)	£25,000
Graduate Student Scholarships	£20,000 pa for three years
Graduate Scholarship Friend	£3,000 pa
Chair in Common Room	£500

“The new GAB project will be a huge help to new students, who face moving into a city with a severe shortage of graduate accommodation. I’m also excited that a large proportion of our members will be able to live on the same site for the first time. Pembroke MCR has always been proud of our strong sense of community, and this will bring us even closer together!”

Louis Morris, DPhil candidate, History



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