

St Edmund's College
University of Cambridge



Donor Report 2019



Message from the Master

If you are reading this then I thank you for your support for and interest in the future health and prosperity of St Edmund's College. I came into post as the College's 15th Master in October 2019 and after only one term my heart has been warmed by the generosity of spirit of the St Edmund's community, past and present.

2019 was a record year for the number of people who made a philanthropic contribution to the College and, as I hope this brief report will show, each and every donation has been transformational. Some of our students are able to come to St Edmund's only as a result of generous benefactions such as that provided by the Randeree Charitable Trust. Entire spaces have been given a new lease of life for the next generation thanks to the alumni community pulling together. Even smaller single gifts have



made themselves felt, most notably with the acquisition of the Persephone Press collection of works by female authors, significant in this, our fiftieth year of women at St Edmund's. Thank you for helping the College to stay open, outward looking, and optimistic.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Arnold', written over a light blue background.

Catherine Arnold OBE
Master

Donating to St Edmund's

The following report outlines the impact of donations to St Edmund's on our current and future students. Throughout there are testimonies from some of those students and from some of our donors. We hope you enjoy reading about all the College has achieved in the last year with the vital help of our generous donors.

247 donors from 37 different countries

Like our international student community, our donors also come from all over the globe to support the College.



Our Fundraising Priorities

Student Support



Master's Development Fund (Buildings)



Eddies Fund (Unrestricted Fund that supports the Student Experience)



Other Projects (E.g. Boat Club, Chapel, Library)



The majority of our philanthropic income went to Student Support followed by Buildings, unrestricted funding, and finally specific projects.

187 members of the 1896 Society

Donors who give £1000 or more in one year are invited to become members of the 1896 Society.



There are increasing levels of donor recognition depending upon the donor's cumulative donation total. Examples of donor recognition include invitations to College Feasts, private dinners with the Master and naming opportunities.



35 members of the Edmond Nolan Society

Anyone intending to make a legacy gift to St Edmund's in their will is invited to become a member of the Edmond Nolan Society.

A donor's perspective...

"I spent two very fruitful and happy years at the College as a law student. I still vividly remember the time when I was matriculated at the College, and all the memorable times I spent in the combination room, dining hall and the cozy library. I truly treasure this life-time learning experience that has widened my horizons, my perspectives and aspirations. I am delighted to see how the College has developed over the years since I graduated. I want to continue to grow with the College and be part of it by giving back, so that the next generations of students will also have a life-time experience learning and growing with the College."



Vicci Lau (1998, Law)

Dylan's story...

Dylan Kawende received an offer this year to read Law with Senior Status (SSL). Law conversion courses are not entitled to student loans, therefore despite 3 internships and possible scholarships, Dylan would lack insufficient funds to cover his costs. In June he launched a crowdfunder to help meet his financial obligations. St Edmund's Alumni kindly donated £6000 to the cause and so Dylan should be able to join our community in 2020.



A donor's perspective...



Marcus Klöckner (1998, LLM)

"It is beyond doubt that the very happy and academically challenging year that I spent at St Edmund's opened many doors and laid the firm foundations for my career in corporate finance law in London, Frankfurt and Amsterdam. Having moved back to South Cambridgeshire and visited St Edmund's after a very long absence, I learnt of the college's ambitious plans to grow and I wanted to be a part of and help with that growth. I now have the privilege of seeing, on every visit into Cambridge, how the college is physically growing and how all our donations are making a very real, tangible and incredibly positive difference to the future of St Edmund's. Thanks to all the donations the college receives, St Edmund's is now a much larger college than it was when I was there and, as result, it is able to help so many more students from all around the world build their futures and those of their communities"

Awards, Prizes and Scholarships

Donations help to fund the various awards and prizes given out by the College. St Edmund's has a variety of awards to support the students in most urgent need of assistance and prizes to reward academic or other individual excellence.

Awards for Support

Last year we awarded **£33,373** in the below areas. Student support provides the majority of the amount awarded at **£16,165**. Travel awards form another significant percentage for purposes ranging from fieldwork in Borneo to presenting a paper at a Harvard-sponsored panel at the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Michigan University.



50 awards for academic travel



50 awards for student support

13 awards for language courses



1 award for 10th term PhD



John C. B. Chau Prize Winner...

"I completed my engineering degree in Biotechnology in 2012 and went on to do an MBA, specialising in Environmental Management. In 2015 I started working with a private bank in India managing their corporate responsibility projects in rural India. The fast-paced development that human ingenuity has made possible in the past century has also brought about adverse environmental and social outcomes. I am excited at the opportunity to work on solutions to this incredibly complex challenge we face today of balancing economic, social and environmental capitals. St Edmund's College was a place of intellectually stimulating discussions, grand ideas and much-needed fun while at Cambridge. These experiences have helped mould my thoughts and improved me as a person. It is for these opportunities, and for a truly life changing year, that I feel incredibly indebted to my college."

Vishnu Karanayil (2018 Engineering for Sustainable Development, MPhil)

College Prizes

College prizes are awarded to students that get a first or distinction in their exams.

Further prizes are given to the highest scoring student in particular subjects:

- Georges Lemaître Prize – Mathematics Tripos
- Scannell Prize – Law Tripos
- Robin Chatterjee Prize – MPhil Finance or Financial Research
- John C B Chau Prize – Tripos or MPhil Engineering
- Simon Boniface Prize – Medicine
- James Claydon Prize – PhD or MPhil Economics
- Father Nicholas Smith Prize – Tripos or MPhil at Judge Business School
- Coventry-Emsley Prize – PhD Classics, History, Philosophy or Theology
- Kenneth Emsley Prize – PhD Natural Sciences or Mathematics
- Toby Jackman Prize – PhD any subject except Economics

Scholarships

The generosity of our donors funds the following Scholarships and Awards:

- AGM Randeree Scholarship
- Aziz Foundation Scholarship
- Duke of Edinburgh Vice-Chancellor Awards
- Emsley Newton CHESS MPhil Studentship Scheme
- McBurney St Edmund's College MPhil Bursary in Archaeological Science
- Omid Scholarship
- Peter Kishor Chand Anand Cambridge Scholarship
- Santander Mobility and Travel Grants



Some of the St Edmund's recipients of Santander funds



29 college prizes
and **7** awards for
academic
excellence

Crowdfunding

since 2018. From a punt to a set of literary classics, crowdfunders have helped to transform the facilities at St Edmunds, thus improving the experience of both our current and former students.

This is a fundraising tool new for Cambridge Colleges. St Edmund's is leading the way with four appeals

Punt

St Edmund's operates three punts which can be used by students, Alumni and Fellows. Unfortunately one of our punts was badly damaged in summer 2018.

With the help of St Edmund's Alumni we were able to not only repair the damaged punt but buy an additional one! It was purchased just before Michaelmas so that the Freshers could be welcomed in with the proper Cambridge experience.



49 donors

Over £6,000

32 first time donors

Common Room

After over 50 years of parties and celebrations in the CR, the floor urgently needed refurbishment.

Following our crowdfunder, the room was completely redecorated with new, more durable floorboards, sofas, curtains and pool table.

This transformation will enable new memories to be created in a space which is very special for all members of the Eddies community.



54 donors

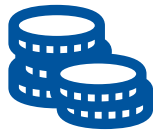
Over £29,000

24 first time donors

Overview



149
Donors



Over **£50,000**
raised



89 First Time
Donors



Boat Club

St Edmund's College Boat Club (SECBC) was supported by a crowdfunder launched in March 2019.

20 donors

Over £2,500

16 first time donors

Library

As part of the College's celebrations for 50 years of women we wanted to raise funds to obtain more works by female authors. Thanks to many generous donations we were able to acquire the Persephone Press collection. St Edmund's is one of only two Cambridge Colleges to have the whole collection.

With the rest of the funds raised we were also able to purchase the Loeb Classical Library of Greek & Latin Classics.



26 donors

Over £12,000

17 first time donors

We would like to thank everyone who participated in funding these projects. Without your generosity these improvements to the College would have been impossible. We hope that you'll be able to visit the College and see these remarkable improvements for yourselves!

A donor's perspective...



Dr Jozef Baca
(1993 International Relations, MPhil)

"I had a wonderful time at St Edmund's College in the early 1990s. After the fall of the totalitarian regime in Central and Eastern Europe, I was able to fulfill my academic dreams by coming to St Edmund's. It has become my academic home ever since. Coming from a family persecuted and deprived of property by the communist regime, I couldn't have come to Cambridge at all without financial assistance. I am happy that now I can help others by regularly supporting our College through a humble donation."

Scannell Prize for Law Winner

"The last two years have undoubtedly been some of the most challenging, but also rewarding, times of my life. While completing a law degree in two years instead of three meant long hours in the library, it allowed me to discover my passion for public international law. I met many amazing people who I now consider my close friends, tried mooted and polo, and attended many speaker's events and Union debates. Cambridge, and Eddies in particular, will always be home for me. After graduation, I spent four months as an intern at an arbitration boutique law firm in Brussels, which I will join as an associate in April. In the meantime, I am interning at the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT), in The Hague. In the future, I hope to continue my career in the field of international law. I feel very honoured to have been awarded the Scannell Prize for Law. It is not only a wonderful conclusion to my studies; I also very much appreciate having received it from St Edmund's in light of my strong ties to the college."



Anna-Christina Schmidl
(2017 Law, BA)

The St Edmund's College & CJBS Social Innovation Scholar...

"This year, every member of the team at the Cambridge Centre for Social Innovation and at St Edmund's College have made me feel so welcome, inviting me to take part in this learning and co-creating process with them. As I enter my second year of study and start my research, I'm very grateful for how this programme has so artfully integrated our multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary voices in this conversation. I'm excited for what comes next, and how this time will shape new combinations of ideas for actions that can contribute even in the smallest way, to a more just, environmentally responsible, creative and inclusive world."



Eidi Cruz-Valdivieso
(2017 Social Innovation, MSt)

Reflections of an Omid Scholar...



Makan Nojournian
(2018 Philosophy, MPhil)

"I was awarded the Omid Scholarship for the MPhil in Philosophy at St Edmund's. My experience at Cambridge was rewarding for a number of reasons.

The research-oriented MPhil allowed me to engage more thoroughly with my chosen research topics through careful and thought-provoking supervisions. I found the graduate community, both at my faculty and at college, friendly and serious-minded, and I greatly enjoyed socialising at college and attending discussions at graduate seminars, talks and informal reading groups. I also spent some time marking and supervising undergraduate students which was great fun and invaluable experience in preparation for an academic career.

After graduation, I am continuing my research and hope to continue studying philosophy through a PhD. Looking back, I am very touched by the award that made all this possible and I hope other students will similarly benefit from future Scholarships and that the Omid Scholars community will continue to grow!"

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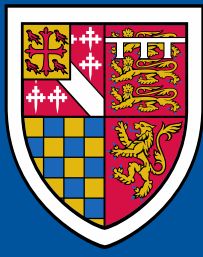
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