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# THE EDITION

A Review of 2022

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## From the Master

A college is both its people and a place. One of the most inspiring parts of being Master or member of St Edmund's college is that we are old enough to feel securely part of this great University and its history, but young enough still to be shaping who we will become.

When the 15th Duke of Norfolk gave £6000 in 1896 to found a Hall for six Roman Catholic students, he could not have imagined that in 127 years' time we would be a community of nearly 800 students from over 75 nationalities and an alumni network drawn from over 110 countries.

This year, St Edmund's celebrates 25 years since receiving our Royal Charter and becoming a full college of the University of Cambridge. This is the moment to consolidate the extraordinary journey of the last 127 years.

The next step will see St Edmund's strengthen our offer as a world-leader in the formation of globally minded leaders and thinkers, providing an innovative programme that will set our students apart when they graduate.

Our people already go on to shape the lives of millions of people across the globe. Our goal is to ensure their time at St Edmund's empowers them to be a force for good and transforms their understanding of how to navigate and have impact in an increasingly complex world.

Members from across our community came together to develop a refreshed Vision and Values. It was striking how members of all generations, backgrounds and subjects spoke of similar things and it led us to a vision which is both true to our founding, which continues to provide a strong sense of community, and which will guide our future. The Governing Body has approved a renewed mission for the College "to empower global talent to shape the future" and this mission will drive our strategic objectives and inform all of our work in the coming years.

This renewed mission will empower and energise the St. Edmund's College community to become the most international college in Cambridge: the first choice for globally-minded students, committed to widening access and participation for postgraduates, and the college of choice for visiting fellowships and global leaders.

As we look to the future, we must continue to harness the attraction of our inclusive mission to set our finances on a fairer course and project the vision of our founders well into the next century.

**Catherine Arnold, OBE**  
Master





## From the Bursar

In the 2022 there has been a number of exciting developments to our future plans for the College estate. Renovation of the Maisonettes into a new Senior Combination Room (SCR) and Student Services Centre was completed at the end of 2022. What were once homes for our students and their families are now offices for the Tutorial and Admissions team, meeting rooms for Fellows and senior members, and a much larger and newly furnished SCR.

During the year, the College submitted a planning application for a new Porters' Lodge and refurbishment of the ground floor of the Norfolk Building to increase the capacity for student and senior membership gatherings, and this application has now been approved. The plans include new gates at the entrances to the College site, a brand-new building at the front of the College to house the Porter's Lodge, and an expanded Combination Room (CR) and improvements to the front of the Norfolk Building. These developments would ensure we can accommodate our growing number of students, create a safer site for our students in residence, and put St Edmund's 'on the map' with a more imposing and attractive entrance.

We also continue to support those of our students who are in financial need. This year, a total of £660k of scholarships and awards were given to current students. This is a significant increase from £480k in 2020/21. The College also awarded prizes, including

those from donors, for outstanding academic or community achievement to the value of £7,100, including forty two College prizes, four Martlet awards for students who have overcome personal difficulties, and one Tutorial award. Much of this would not be possible without the generous donations made by alumni and friends of the College.

Thanks to the help and support of our donors, we are able to work towards securing the future of St Edmund's and in 2023, we hope to continue to strengthen our financial situation and thrive as a College.

**Mr Graham Watson, Bursar**

## From the Dean

The 2022 has been a year of blessing — not least because life has returned to normal, albeit a new normal of caution and heightened awareness of potential risks to our health. The Church's year is the backdrop to the life of Chapel, as to the division of the academical year into terms (Lent, Michaelmas & Easter) and our celebrations day-by-day and week-by-week continue in term time and beyond. Chapel continues to be enriched musically by both the College Choir and the Schola, under the direction of Louisa Denby, the Director of Chapel Music. On a personal note, as Dean I am grateful too for the support of Frs Allen Brent and Pablo de Lima who both contribute much to the Catholic life of College and beyond.

The Chapel Community is comprised of Fellows, Alumni, friends — and students. A significant and welcome development over the past year has been the student-inspired and led Bread & Wine Society — Catholic students, with other Christians, meeting together regularly for prayer, pilgrimage, worship and for social events. The faith, energy and enthusiasm of the group is such an inspiration to an older Dean! One event that stands out is the participation of the group in a forum with Jewish and Muslim students, with a presentation by a member of each of the branches of the Abrahamic faiths on the significance of fasting in their particular religious tradition, leading to a 24-hour fast in the cause of peace. Any event that promotes mutual understanding and respect can only be good.

A pilgrimage to Norwich, including Mass at the shrine of Julian, was also memorable.

The recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land was Catholic, ecumenical and interfaith; organised by Fr Pablo de Lima and Isaac Tan, both Eddie's students, was a greatly enriching experience to the 32 pilgrims, students and non-students alike. It has certainly brought a new perspective on the life of Jesus and a vivid reminder of the events central to the gospels.

Chapel now happily hosts two Anglican Eucharists each term, celebrated respectively by Dr Rodney Holder and the Rev. Shirley Holder — and we look to develop further ecumenical co-operation and joint witness. On the local, Catholic front, College looks forward to welcoming the Fisher House Chaplaincy for a celebration of Mass — the first time in recent memory to be celebrated in St Edmund's College Chapel.

On other fronts, College is facing continuing and challenging growth in student numbers and staffing — challenging in the sense of resources being stretched. Both Tutorial and Welfare are at the forefront here, and as Dean I willingly give whatever support I can to the entire College community... and with exam term looming, careful stress-management is, as ever, important.

I return to Blessings: we are grateful to God for our College, for the place of Chapel in College life, and for the opportunities open to us all.

**Fr Ed Hone, Dean**



## From the Director of Education

Typically, the College's Senior Tutor would write this section. However, as we await the arrival of our new Senior Tutor I am delighted to say a few words.

My role is to help ensure our students have the best opportunity to succeed in their academic studies. Since I began as Director of Education in September 2021, I have witnessed first hand what it means to 'live and breathe' a Cambridge College life, as the weeks and months of an academic year flow past. Or should I say, race past at a frenetic pace akin to an inflatable raft speeding down a white-water ravine! At least that is what it can feel like during Full Term sometimes.

Back in September 2021, the Country was recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, and College life was gradually returning to normal with government guidance seemingly changing on a weekly basis.

Fast forward to 2023-24, and it is fair to say that normality has returned, and College is thriving with a multitude of activities and events from enlightening talks by Fellows on their research interests to exhibitions and concerts. There literally is something for everybody to enjoy. And, if for any reason there isn't something that captures your particular interest, you can always organise something yourself. That is one of the benefits of a College like Eddies.

In 2022/23 exams, 77% of our undergraduate students achieved either 1st or 2:1 degrees, and of our 206 Masters students taking final examinations, nearly 97% passed with over 15% achieving a distinction or Class I.

Over the last 10 years, the College has doubled its student numbers with total numbers now over 800. This is the largest number of students the College has ever had. St Edmund's also remains one of Cambridge's most international Colleges, with students from over 80 countries.

This is itself a remarkable achievement, and the continued academic achievements highlighted above are a testament to the dedication

of the many College staff, Directors of Studies, Tutors and others who dedicate their time and energy to support our student body.

In order to continue to effectively support this growing community, the College has increased its staff capacity in the Tutorial Office and other key functional areas. One of the most important changes is the establishment of a dedicated Wellbeing Team with a new Director of Student Wellbeing.

This team has been working tirelessly to support those students most at need of it, as well as the wider student body and they have a range of exciting events planned for 2024.

**Mr Kieron Devey, Director of Education**



## Annual Student Conference

The Annual St Edmund's Student Conference took place in February this year in a new hybrid in-person and online format and was an incredible success. Thanks to all of the contributors, all of the judges and chairs, and of course, the CR Academic Officer, Keedoong Choi, who organised this fantastic event this year.

Of the many brilliant presentations, two were selected by a panel of judges to win prizes.

Congratulations to Menandro Cruz and Sam Friedman for their winning presentations!



'For the St Edmund's Student Conference, I presented the findings from one of my PhD studies. This was an ethnographic case study of autistic children participating in a Forest School programme at their specialist provision.

In this study, the findings indicated that Forest School offered many benefits for children, including being autonomy-supportive, allowing opportunities to practice skills, and facilitating development of relationships with peers, teachers, and the space itself. Despite this, there were still many challenges; this suggests that it is necessary for Forest School leaders to receive specific training so they can be best equipped to provide Forest School programming that is supportive of autistic children's wellbeing.

I was excited to have won the prize as I am presenting this work at an international conference this spring, so it gave me a lot of confidence ahead of that presentation. I had a great experience participating in the Student Conference!

**Sam Friedman**  
**Non-STEM Category Prize Winner**

*"My research is inspired by spiders and how they can form silk in energy efficient manners."*



'My presentation outlined

my PhD project on investigating energy efficient fibre formation. Current commercial fibre-spinning processes are both energy and heat intensive. My research is inspired by spiders and how they can form silk in energy efficient manners. I spoke about my investigation into what dictates the fibre formation of polymeric materials under ambient conditions, with the aim of developing fibers with superior mechanical properties. Controlling the polymer length and concentration of the solution enables selection of fiber forming conditions and control of their mechanical properties (i.e. strength). My research aims to develop greener methods for fibre manufacturing and novel fibres for various applications.

Presenting my work for a general audience at the St Edmund's Students conference has been a fun and rewarding experience. It helped me to condense my thoughts to what a non-specialist might find interesting, as well as to find a way to make it easier and more interesting for them learn the essence of my work without the technical jargon. Winning this prize is such an honour considering there were a lot of great presenters. I am hoping my talk has given a new sense of appreciation for fundamental studies in the sciences among the audience.'

**Menandro Cruz, STEM Category Prize Winner**



## Dr Gemma Burgess elected as New Vice-Master

At the Governing Body on 27th September 2022, Dr Gemma Burgess was elected as Vice-Master from 1st October.

Gemma has been a member of Council for the last two years, and so takes up her role with a keen understanding of the issues and opportunities that face our College. Among other roles, Gemma is DoS in Land Economy for the College, University Proctor and Director of the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, where she leads a multidisciplinary team on policy-oriented research projects.





## Partnership with Univeristy of Notre Dame

To mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Notre Dame, the Master, alongside members of the Von Hügel Insitute for Critical Catholic Inquiry (VHI) visited Notre Dame's campus to meet with the University's leadership, faculty and community.

On Monday, 12 September 2022 the Master joined Notre Dame International's Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalisation, Dr Michael Pippenger, to discuss the relevance of and relationship between education, religion and diplomacy today.

'We are entering a new era of overt competition and international fragmentation,' the Master said. 'Difference is once again viewed by some as a problem, and not an opportunity ... There is an urgent need for compelling thinkers and actors who bridge divides. To use the time at Notre Dame or St Edmund's to develop the skills to do that is one of our great shared moral duties.'

Founded in 1842 by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the University of Notre Dame is one of the world's leading Catholic universities. The MOU encourages and supports international collaborations between academics, students and administrators of the two

institutions, in research, education and outreach.

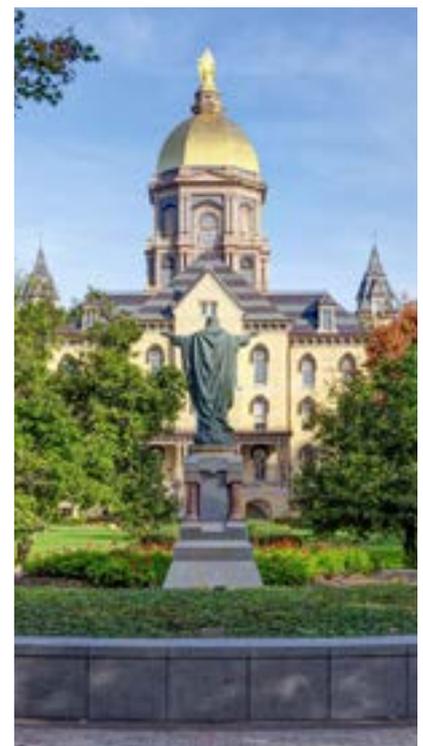
In his remarks, Dr Pippenger reflected how the partnership resonates with the unique founding of his University: 'One of the things that motivated Holy Cross... was this notion of accompaniment. That, as Holy Cross priests or religious, they would go out into the world. They would be together with those that they met and, in that accompaniment, would learn together and then be able to work together for the common good, which I think is what this international parternship between Notre Dame and St Edmund's at Cambridge is all about.'

Reflecting on the relationship between ethical formation and higher education, the Master said: 'I believe it is so important to form leaders (that) have the tools to enable them to listen and be willing to understand across often profound difference. Part of the role of diplomacy and higher education is (not only) to find ways to bring people together, to combine efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm, and their inspiration to work together, but also to train the heart.'

A key part of Notre Dame International's global engagement strategy, led by Dr Pippenger, is fostering international partnerships that support

research and educational opportunities across the globe.

The MOU also supports further develpoment of strong connection between Notre Dame's London and Rome Global Gateways, the Nanovic Institute for European Study, Technology Ethis Center, Shakespeare at Notre Dame, Italian Studies, and Robinson Community Learning Center with the VHI.



# SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & BURSARIES

## Jaspar Foundation Award

In its first year, the Jaspar Foundation Award has already had a tremendous impact on our students at St Edmund's. The award grants life-changing funding to Master's students that meet the same criteria as the University's Get In initiative, a scheme which aims to increase the number of students from under-represented ethnic-minority communities at Cambridge. The Jaspar Foundation's generous funding means that these students can take up their place at the University of Cambridge when they otherwise could not afford it, giving them access to higher education that will have a huge impact on their life and future prospects. The award has wide appeal – this academic year we received over 15 applications and awarded grants to all 4 eligible students, and we hope to continue to support more students in future years. These are some of the thoughts from this year's recipients which show how significant the Jaspar Foundation's support has been for them:



'I was initially very worried about the cost of studying at the University of Cambridge, as during term time, you cannot

work alongside your studies. Without support from the Jaspar Foundation,

I would have had to rely only on my own savings, which would have placed a significant financial burden on me. The Jaspar Foundation Award has not only allowed me to study a subject that I have always been incredibly passionate about, but it has also alleviated any financial stress and I can fully enjoy my time here.'

**Syeda Moqaddisa Jilani, MPhil Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (2021)**

'After working as compliance analyst, I decided to return to university, as I wanted to further pursue my interest in

economics and gain the knowledge and skills that would allow me to work as a professional economist. Receiving the Jasper Foundation Award has helped alleviate the financial pressures of studying and living in Cambridge and has been essential to allowing me to focus on my studies.'



**Ilham Hussein, MPhil Economics (2021)**



'The Jaspar Foundation Award has cast open the first of many doors to success and I am now a huge step closer to accomplishing

my aspirations. It is difficult to put the impact of the funding that I have received into words. I am very grateful to the Jaspar Foundation for believing in me and greatly appreciate their generosity. The funding has lifted the financial burden from my and other scholars' shoulders and without this hindrance, I can truly focus on learning. This is what drives me to complete my MPhil degree, and I look forward to giving back in light of the generosity that I have received.'

**Shahira Duhul, MPhil Development Studies (2021)**

We are incredibly grateful to the Jaspar Foundation for their support. By helping our students, the Foundation not only has had a lasting impact on our community at the College but will also have a big influence on their local communities now and in the future.

## McBurney Archaeological Science Bursary



My Master's degree in Archaeological Science started in Michaelmas 2021 with classes concerning different archaeological

topics, such as human osteology, foundation statistics for data analysis in archaeology, and principles of archaeological science. Along with these modules I am assessed for, I sat on a few different ones that caught my interest. During my modules, I went to different laboratories that specialised in specific

methods. I will learn more about them in the Lent and Easter Term. I was very keen on taking the geoarchaeological paper, but it was unfortunately not held this year.

During the Lent term, I started working in a lab with my supervisor Prof. Marcus Martínón-Torres on archaeometallurgical analysis of roman nails from York. Most of my work will be done during Easter Term and summer, so I can submit my thesis by the end of August 2022. In the next academic year, I plan to work as an intern in a museum and apply for PhD positions. I

would very much love to come back to Cambridge.

Many thanks for your financial support that I used to pay a part of my tuition fees. So far, I have had a fantastic experience with both my department and college. I am honoured and grateful for being part of this university.

**Katerina Stodolova**

# St Edmund's Charter & Vice Chancellor's Scholarship



The nature of my PhD research (which investigates the relationship between pupils' academic attainment

and their psychological wellbeing) involves working closely with Primary and Secondary schools. 17 Primary schools across Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and London participated in my project, which has resulted in 1,003 children (aged 9-11) completing a mental wellbeing questionnaire and two standardised tests in English and Maths. In return for their participation, I wrote summary reports for each of the schools, which has been time consuming but rewarding and it is good to be able to give back to teachers. I also delivered a CPD event for Headteachers and Teachers in July whereby I presented the preliminary findings of the Primary school phase of my research. Six Secondary schools also participated in my research (approximately 600 pupils).

In terms of my face-to-face qualitative work, following permission granted by the University and Head of Faculty, I was able to safely go into schools to deliver a two-part mental wellbeing workshop

for children. I designed the workshops in collaboration with the Cambridgeshire PSHE Service in alignment with the UK's new mental health and emotional wellbeing components of the statutory RSE curriculum. The activities were well received by the young people and it was wonderful to be able to support schools with their recovery curriculum. After the workshops, I was able to conduct group interviews with the young people and ask them about their experiences of mental wellbeing, which will serve as another data source to answer my research question.

My statistical analyses involves complex statistical modelling techniques (Structural Equation Modelling) which enable the investigation of complex psychological phenomena in a robust and reliable way. I am aiming to undertake my PhD by publication, and I am currently preparing my first paper documenting the findings from my research for publication before Christmas.

In terms of other accomplishments alongside my PhD research project, I have managed to publish two in two different journals, one of which I co-authored with my supervisor Dr McLellan and the other I solo-authored.

I've now published three articles documenting my work from my Master's and preliminary PhD work.

Furthermore, I was proud to have been shortlisted as a finalist for the Cambridge Centre Society for the Application of Research (CSAR) Student Awards. This consisted of a 10-minute presentation of my work followed by an interview, and although I was not successful in obtaining an award, I am still pleased with having been shortlisted from the 200 students who applied this year across all disciplines. The feedback I received from CSAR was helpful.

I continue to supervise and teach undergraduate, Master's and first-year PhD students at the Faculty and this year I am undertaking the University's Teaching Associates Programme (TAP) to gain Fellowship accreditation with the Higher Education Academy.

The St Edmund's Charter & Vice Chancellor's Scholarship I gratefully receive from College has enabled me to undertake my PhD without the stresses of managing to financially support myself.

**Tania Clarke**

## The Cherry Hume Award



I am a third year PhD student in the Centre for Family Research within the Department of Psychology. Currently, I'm

finishing my PhD, which focuses on how nature and nature-based learning can be used to support wellbeing in autistic children and adults. Outside of my PhD work, I also conduct research about the benefits of nature more generally and about topics related to environmental education. I have been working with a collaborator in the states, Dr Scott Morrison from Elon University, for several years; together we produce work on teaching autistic children outside, how adolescent environmentalists develop

their identities, and what motivates environmentally oriented teachers, among other projects.

Receiving the Cherry Hume Award allowed me to travel to Prague in mid-March for the World Environmental Education Congress. This was an international conference that drew environmental education researchers and practitioners from all over the world; I heard from and spoke with individuals from Australia, various countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. The conference provided an excellent networking opportunity, and I was able to discuss potential collaborations with many researchers who I admire very much.

Additionally, I gave two presentations while at the conference: one

presentation was a study from my PhD while the other was a joint presentation with Dr Morrison of our work with adolescent environmentalists. Presenting this research to an expert audience allowed me the opportunity to receive feedback and answer questions. I was the only researcher at the conference presenting work related to nature and autism (or any type of disability/ neurodiversity) which, in my opinion, further underpins the importance of the work that I am doing for my PhD. The conference was a truly fantastic opportunity, and I also enjoyed getting to spend time in Prague. I am tremendously grateful that the Cherry Hume Award enabled me to have this experience.

**Samantha Friedman**

*"The conference provided an excellent networking opportunity"*

# Alumni Sports Bursary

2022/23

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the St Edmund's College Blues alumni, we are delighted to announce that the main Alumni Sports Bursary for 2022 has been awarded to talented rugby player, Fergus Hughes.

Fergus matriculated in October 2022 and is studying an undergraduate degree in HSPS. He is playing for the CUFRC first team and represented Cambridge in the 2022 Varsity Rugby Match.

Fergus says, "I am incredibly grateful to receive the 2022/23 St Edmund's Alumni Sports Bursary and look forward to representing the University of Cambridge in the best way I can.

This award will not only help relieve the financial pressure of student life but will also allow me to fulfil my sporting potential whilst at Eddies. The bursary takes huge financial pressure off my shoulders and allows me to invest in becoming the best player I can be, through purchasing specific equipment and food that will aid my sporting journey.

I am so grateful to the College's Blues alumni for donating the bursary, as without it the challenge of balancing my academics with my sporting aspirations would be impossible."



Bursary funding has also been awarded to a talented athlete who achieved a football Blue whilst at Oxford and now aspires to transition from county-level rowing to Varsity rowing, as well as other athletes in a variety of sports – from polo, hockey and badminton, to alpine skiing, gymnastics, tennis and powerlifting. Additional funds have been set aside to support students throughout the year who require assistance to enter competitions and attend training camps.

2021/22

The main Sports Bursary award for 2021 was presented to Vianney Gomezgil Yaspik, a rugby Blue.

Originally from Mexico City, Vianney holds degrees in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Politics and International Studies. Along with her PhD, Vianney is also helping to teach and supervise some statistical modules for the Master's in Public Policy program.

Vianney's rugby career started at a young age playing for Bishop's College School in Quebec, Canada, where she helped her team win two national titles. After this, her rugby career continued by playing for the first women's varsity rugby program in the United States, Bowdoin College, as well as participating in Mexican, Italian and German leagues. She was part of the East of England All-Star team in 2015 and became an All-American for USA Rugby in 2018.

At Cambridge, her academic and rugby successes have continued; she received a rugby Blue in her first year as a Cambridge player, helped her team win the most recent Varsity match against Oxford, received multiple Player of the Match awards, and was selected as Coaches' Player of the year for the 2020-2021 season.

When she is not on the pitch playing rugby, she is most likely learning a new language. Vianney is fluent in six languages (English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish).

Vianney says, 'Receiving the St Edmund's Alumni Sports Bursary Award was

a great honour and privilege, being perhaps the first women's rugby Blue in St Edmund's history, and being the first Mexican to win a rugby blue for the University.' With this award, she hopes to continue her rugby career at Cambridge and expand the awareness, diversity, and inclusivity of women's rugby at the University and beyond.

Thank you to our generous donors for helping to support a wide ranging, high level of sporting talent and ambition at St Edmund's.



## Alumni support secures the purchase of commemorative blades for Mays '22 M2 Crew

In the 2022 May Bumps, the St Edmund's M2 crew went +7 and won their blades in a technical bump. Thanks to the generosity of a group of donors, the College has been able to celebrate this achievement by ordering an oar for the College and subsidising the crew to buy their own blades. The commemorative oar now hangs in the CR alongside the others in our fine collection.

Thank you to our donors for enabling the College to celebrate the crew's achievement in this way!

# Kenneth C Griffin Charitable Fund Clinical Medicine Scholarship

I am a first year student on the Graduate Course in Medicine. I already hold a BSc in Molecular Biology and an MA in Philosophy from the University of Sheffield. I have worked as a Nursing Assistant at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Theatre Producer at DINASheffield, and Box Office Manager at the Sheffield International Documentary Festival. I have also held voluntary roles as an Events Assistant at the Vagina Museum, a Computer Helper at the Association for Jewish Refugees, an Artistic Project Manager at a community kitchen, Foodhall, and a volunteer at a charity for sick children, Camp Simcha. During Covid, I worked as a Data Officer at Watford General Hospital.



I wanted to be a doctor for a long time, but kept putting off my application to medical school because of my involvement in the artistic community in Sheffield. When Covid struck, the theatre I produced at closed and I got a job collecting data for the Covid response. During this time, my motivation to study medicine reached critical capacity and I put my efforts into gaining a place at St Edmund's.

I have been in Cambridge for two months and am delighted at the exceptional standard of teaching, pastoral care, small group supervisions, and extra-curricular activities available. I have fully immersed myself in College life, and am the President of the St Edmund's Chess Club and Women's Officer of the CR. I also organised a Hanukkah Party at College which gained part funding from the College, the CR and the Woolf Institute. Within these roles and beyond, I have made many friends which I can already see lasting a lifetime.

Reading medicine this term has been fascinating and has given me even more excitement for my continued studies and career. I have recently begun my first clinical placement and therefore met and started examining my first patients. Just a few days ago, I watched a twin caesarean section and had to hold back tears at the beauty and privilege of this profession I am only just embarking on. At times, the degree has been challenging and there are many complex emotional and ethical cases that I will face as a student and doctor. However, I feel confident that with the pastoral care given at College and the high level of care given to my medical training, I will be equipped to deal with any scenario I am faced with.

The scholarship I have received from the Kenneth C Griffin Charitable Fund has enabled me to give full attention and commitment to my studies and College life without the need to worry about financial matters. I aim to continue putting full energy into my medical training and become an exceptional clinician, giving back to my patients the same kindness that has been shown to me.

**Miriam Schechter**



# The Ebenezer Ademisoye MPhil Scholarship

Alumnus Ebenezer Ademisoye (MPhil, Technology Policy, 2005) generously funds a scholarship to support a high-achieving ethnic minority student to study an MPhil at St Edmund's. Ebenezer really wanted to be able to help someone to come to Cambridge who might otherwise not be able to do so, and to help them to experience the full life that the University has to offer.

In 2022/23 the main award was given to Dr Vinda Shenoy to study an MPhil in Biological Science (Pathology). Vinda says, "My MPhil research will focus on isolating and sequencing T-cell receptor genes associated with coeliac disease in human urine and large bowel, to see if it can lead to simpler and more effective diagnostic tests for this difficult ailment that a significant portion of the population suffers from. The skills I aim to learn here will be transferable, as I plan to embark on a career in pathology to help advance the understanding of the molecular basis of disease, especially autoimmunity, neurodegeneration, and cancer.

I am immensely grateful to Mr Ebenezer Ademisoye for deeming me worthy of this prestigious award. His statement upon instating this award about "accelerating positive outcomes" in an individual and their community truly resonated with me. Universities like Cambridge were just places I fantasized about as a little girl in coastal India.

Being the only child in an Indian family meant I was conditioned to prove myself - both academically and otherwise - from a very young age. My family was forced to move out of India early in the millennium to break the cycle of generational poverty. My father singlehandedly provided for my mother and me while performing gruelling labour in the Middle Eastern desert. I vowed to never be a burden on him, supporting my schooling with academic scholarships, and using prize money from art competitions to attend extracurricular lessons.

With my parents' support, I could go to medical school at Christian Medical College Vellore, which is India's leading charitable institution. My medical education was completed at a subsidised fee, which I repaid in service by working in the Intensive Care and Anaesthesiology departments – it was here that I got to serve in the frontlines during the worst parts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It changed me in many ways, mostly by solidifying my belief in the importance of medical research. Evidently, every little gap in knowledge could potentially lead to devastating consequences. Combating any disease begins with understanding it, and so I have come to Cambridge with a mission to make the most out of my year here. My father's courage to leave behind a life he knew in search of greener pastures helped my dream become reality. So, in turn, I hope I can carry on the legacy of this award by enabling my little nieces and nephews to fearlessly pursue their own passions."

Mr Ademisoye also funded a smaller award to Mr Michael Asikabulu, who came to St Edmund's to complete an MPhil in Development Studies. The College is very grateful to Ebenezer for supporting our students in this way.



*"Mr Ademisoye was gracious enough to support my maintenance cost. I cannot express how grateful I am to the Ebenezer Ademisoye Award for this extraordinary support, which would lift an enormous burden off my shoulders, in other words, I do not have to worry about working to save up towards maintenance. Thanks to the Ebenezer Ademisoye Award I will be able to stay focused on attaining the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute to the transformation of my community and to achieve my future aspirations."*

*Mr Michael Asikabulu, MPhil Development Studies  
2022*



Mr Ebenezer Ademisoye

## Boniface Prize

"I studied the Cambridge standard medicine course at St Edmund's College from 2015 to 2021. I would like to thank



the donor for their generosity in supporting students studying medicine at the College.

During my time at St Edmund's,

I enjoyed a thorough education in the basic sciences that underpins our understanding of modern medicine. However, I also held a strong interest in how quantitative methods have and continue to contribute towards our understanding of health and disease. To that end I was engaged in several computational biology research projects, including one which sought to investigate the role of unconventional proteins in diseases such as cancer. The community at St Edmund's provided many opportunities for me to have fertile conversations with students of other disciplines, such as mathematics, engineering, and the natural sciences, that helped me through the research projects I was undertaking.

In my clinical years, I was able to apply what I had learnt to a problem closer to the bedside, as I worked with a consultant neonatologist to analyse how neonates interacted with the ventilators required to sustain their breathing, an area of medicine that is still not well understood.

Since graduating from St Edmund's I have started working as a FI doctor at West Suffolk Hospital and am a visiting researcher at the Great Ormond Street Hospital Digital Research, Informatics and Virtual Environment Unit where I am working to leverage electronic healthcare record data to help improve patient care.

I strongly believe that the academic freedom and diversity at St Edmund's has played an indispensable role in helping me develop as a healthcare professional and researcher, and I am ever grateful to the donor who has continued to support the College and its students. "

**David Choung**

## John C B Chau Prize

"During my time at St Edmund's I studied for an MPhil in Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence and my research



focused on auditing and improving fairness in clinical decision-making. Prior to this, I had completed a double degree of Bachelor of Engineering Honours and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney. Outside of my studies, I competed with the College Boat Club and was active in many aspects of student life.

I am excited by the promise of transforming medical knowledge and care through the use of machine learning. To that end, I am aiming to pursue a PhD in Engineering, focusing on machine learning research.

I am tremendously grateful for the support and accompanying generosity provided by James Chau in memory of his father. The award will propel me towards my set goal of advancing translational medical technologies. I am also thankful for the tutelage and guidance provided by members of St Edmund's, the Department of Engineering, and his supervisor, Prof. Mihaela van der Schaar."

**Tennision Liu**

## Chatterjee Prize

"I was born and raised in India and came to the UK for the first time in 2017 to pursue my undergraduate studies in Economics at King's College London. I had always been fascinated by the academic legacy and history associated with Cambridge and it was an absolute dream come true when I was accepted to study for my masters here.

I have had an unforgettable experience at Cambridge and St Edmund's over the past year, and I take away learnings, memories and friendships that I hope to carry with me for a lifetime. I was fascinated by the academic rigour of the MPhil Finance programme, which allowed me to delve deeper and explore a subject that I was very passionate about. In addition, I was fortunate to be part of an incredibly accomplished and supportive community at the St

Edmund's, which was a standout feature of College life for me and was a key attribute in my being able to successfully manoeuvre my time at Cambridge.

I am very grateful to have received this prize, which is as an amazing souvenir of the learnings and experiences from my time at Eddies and will surely act as amazing motivation for the future!

I am now looking forward to starting my professional career in London within banking and am confident the skills developed through my experiences at St Edmund's will hold me in good stead for this next step!"

**Gunaranjan Jainennison**

## James Claydon Prize

"I was extremely delighted and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of the James Claydon Prize for the most outstanding PhD thesis in Economics.

I did my PhD in Development Studies focusing on the economic development in transition democracies from 2017 to 2020. After successfully defending my doctoral thesis, I returned back to my home country – Uzbekistan. Here I started working as the head of department for Research and Innovation at the Ministry of Higher Education. In my current capacity, I have been contributing to the development of scientific research and innovations in the higher education sector of the country. In line with this, as an adjunct lecturer, I have been teaching youngsters at public universities.



By awarding me the James Claydon Prize, you have inspired me to widen the scope of my scientific research in a way of creating more prosperous societies in emerging economies not only in my region, but also globally. Now I am more focused on giving back to the people and communities than ever before!"

**Adham Khudaykulov**

## Coventry-Emsley Prize

"I am extremely honoured to receive the College's Coventry-Emsley Prize for the most outstanding PhD in Classics, History, Philosophy or Theology. It means a lot to me at this early stage of my academic career, and I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the sponsors of this award.

Given the academic interest of the College in religion and religious life, St Edmund's proved to be a stimulating academic environment in which to write up the thesis. Moreover, the College offers a pleasant – some might say monastic – tranquillity in which to reflect, read, and write. My thesis was passed with no corrections in June 2020. Since then, I have been presenting at conferences in the UK and abroad, as well as transforming my PhD into peer-reviewed publications.

I am now planning to conduct new research which will explore the thorny issue of Holocaust memory amongst ethnic Serbs living in present day Bosnia and Croatia. Having conducted preliminary fieldwork in summer 2021, I am currently in the process of applying for further postdoctoral funding which would allow me to undertake this work. Being able to mention the recognition that my PhD has received through the Coventry-Emsley Prize will undoubtedly be a great advantage to me in these applications."

**Nicholas Lackenby**

## Roy Dunstan Prize

"I am honored to be awarded the College's Roy Dunstan Prize for the most outstanding PhD in Engineering. My name is Benyi Cao and I am an international student from Xinjiang,



China. I obtained my Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from Tongji University working on multiphase flow in bioreactor

landfills. In 2017 I joined Geotechnical and Environmental Research Group at Cambridge as a PhD student under the supervision of Prof Abir Al-Tabbaa. My PhD research has developed self-healing

cut-off wall materials incorporating polymers and minerals. Since graduation in December 2020, I have been working as a Research Assistant Professor at Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences, Nanjing, China.

I plan to return to Cambridge do a postdoc in the field of geothermal engineering, hoping to contribute to the development of sustainable energy and carbon emissions reduction. I miss Cambridge and St Edmund's so much and feel that I am very lucky to be able to go back and start my new adventure.

I would like to thank the Roy Dunstan Prize donor again, and I am very much encouraged by the prize to continue my journey of scientific research and engineering innovation."

**Benyi Cao**

## David Scannell Q.C Prize

"I studied the Law Tripos at St Edmund's from 2019-2021 and am grateful to have received the David Scannell Q.C



Prize. Despite the impact of the pandemic, I had a really fabulous time at St Edmund's and will always cherish my time

there. In addition to my studies, I was Sports Officer at St Edmund's and ran Blues Cross Country for the University. Since graduating in July, I have moved to London where I am completing the Legal Practical Course before hopefully beginning a training contract with a City firm in March."

**Ella Fenneley**

## Kenneth Emsley Prize

"I am honoured to receive the Kenneth Emsley Prize for most outstanding PhD in any branch of Natural Sciences or Mathematics. I began my PhD in 2016 under a Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship that took me all around the world to meet some of the most inspiring physicists. By forging collaborations with leading scientists, I was able to give life to my theoretical work and see conceptual designs become reality.

My thesis describes the manipulation of quantum information encoded onto

single electrons as they are transported across nano devices. This work sets the foundations for quantum computing

and quantum communication devices. As a postdoctoral researcher I now endeavour to layout the framework for a quantum internet capable of connecting all types of quantum computing platforms together.

My time at the Cambridge and St Edmund's has been an enriching experience both academically and personally. The Cambridge college system has allowed me to meet people with exceptional passions in a wide range of subjects. Dinners and formals in St Edmund's hall have always been mentally stimulating as well as lots of fun. I have learned so much and I am so thankful that my career allows me to learn more every day."

**Hugo Leopage**



## Funding a Scholarship, Award or Bursary

St Edmund's is committed to educating global talent to shape the future, and to become a leader in widening participation in postgraduate study.

Each of the prizes here owes its existence to the generosity of a donor who wanted to support the next generation of Eddies as they embark on their journey.

Post-graduate study is becoming increasingly expensive for students without external support. In order to ensure that St Edmund's remains the most international of Cambridge's Colleges support must be available to make studying here a viable prospect for the global leaders of tomorrow.

If you are interested in contributing to a studentship or scholarship, or want to discuss your philanthropic priorities, please contact the Development Office by email at: [development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk)

## Fr Nick Smith Prize



"I completed my MPhil in Strategy, Marketing and Operations in 2021. I specialized in the area of Operations and Technology management, which linked back to my background in the Aerospace industry.

My time at Eddies was made very special by my incredible flatmates. We

quickly became close due to the plethora of lockdowns that we got to endure together. Aside from the hardships, we got to make great memories by spending evenings together and exploring the country whenever covid allowed it.

During my time, I also joined the consulting society (Cambridge Consulting Network). Here, I worked on projects with the NHS and HSBC. In the latter project, we conducted research on the effect of COVID-19 on the private banking industry. During this project, I was awarded the title of 'Star Consultant'.

Subsequently, I joined McKinsey and Company in their Amsterdam office as a consultant. I am really enjoying interacting with clients and the diversity in work. My time at Cambridge has set me up well for this new chapter in my life, and I feel incredibly grateful!"

Cindy Sun

## Toby Jackman Prize



"I am writing to express my deep gratitude for having received the Toby Jackman Prize for the most outstanding PhD. The prize has been a source of great reassurance and affirmation to me personally and to the cause of an educator; to which I have dedicated my life since my time in Cambridge and afterwards.

The topic of my dissertation was, 'Improvising Goethe's Faust Part One in two Berlin high-school theatre classes for cross-cultural dialogue among Turkish-German students'. The main purpose of my research was to study the reception of a classical German literary text among first or second-generation Muslim immigrants in Germany. The hope of my research was to encourage meaningful exchanges between immigrants and the dominant culture.

My research background in Cambridge prepared me to take on an excellent position across the Atlantic. Since September 2021, I have been appointed as a (tenured) Assistant Professor at Bard High School-Early College, in New York. I teach world literature to 10th grade students and a course in philosophy to first year college (university) students. One of the missions of Bard College is to provide advanced or university level education to students coming from mainly marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds. It is a privilege to read some of the great classical texts with students, who would go on to be the first members of their families to attend university."

Dr Maria Kahn

## The Arie Hector Gurevich Award

The inaugural Arie Hector Gurevich Award has been awarded to Alexandra Grba who is studying an MPhil in Chemical Engineering. This new donor-funded award is for a St Edmund's College student who is studying a STEM subject and is facing financial hardship or requires funds for travel or research.

Alexandra writes, "I am undertaking a 12-month research MPhil in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, with 6 months of my project left. My research project is focused on uncovering the molecular mechanisms of Alzheimer's Disease initiation and progression. This is an area that is currently poorly understood, leading to the lack of treatment options and the resulting devastating and wide-spread effects of the disease within society. My research involves the characterisation of disease initiation via the pathological protein Tau, which is thought to contribute to Alzheimer's. I am studying the changes that occur within the internal structures of neurons through super resolution microscopy, and differences in electrical signalling between neurons once Tau is introduced. If the early mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease are better understood, then critically, methods of reversing the problem can be developed.

The Arie Hector Gurevich Award will allow me to continue my research project, helping to alleviate some of the funding pressures faced. It will contribute to helping me afford my tuition fee component as well as associated living costs such as college rent until the end of August when I will finish my research. I would like to thank the donor for their generosity in easing the financial pressures, as this will allow me to invest an even greater proportion of my time and focus into the project, hopefully leading to interesting and novel results."

Thank you to our generous donor for enabling these awards to be made.

# ALUMNI EVENTS

## Naming Ceremony of 'The Luzio Building', 12 June 2022

Alumni, Fellows and members of the College were invited to attend the Luzio Building naming ceremony in July.

The event was an opportunity for those who know and have worked with Prof. Paul Luzio to celebrate his important contributions to the College, with speeches from the Master, former Master Rev Dr Geoffrey Cook, and Prof Paul and Mrs Jane Luzio.

In 2019, the Fellows of St Edmund's voted to rename the Library Building 'The Luzio Building', in recognition of Paul's long service to the College, first as a Fellow, then Senior Tutor and as Master from 2004 to 2014. The renaming also recognises the many ways in which Jane Luzio has served the St Edmund's community. Paul and Jane both continue to be active members of the College, with Paul being an Honorary Fellow, and Jane a Senior Member.

Paul Luzio is also an Emeritus Professor of Molecular Membrane Biology. From 2002-2012 he was Director of the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research and from 2012-2014 he was Deputy Head of the School of Clinical Medicine.



## Garden Party, 12 June 2022

On the same day as the naming ceremony, we also held our annual College Garden Party, which was attended by members from all parts of our Eddies community, including students, Fellows, staff, and alumni. There was a wonderful selection of food and attractions on offer, including Toni's Ices ice cream truck, lawn games, tea cup rides, and live music from Cambridge Jazz.





## Hong Kong Alumni Society Gathering, 5 July 2022

On Tuesday, 5 July 2022, the St Edmund's College Hong Kong Alumni Society were able to gather together for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic. They met for drinks and food at the Chariot Club in Central.

The event was organised by Vicci Lau, with financial support from the St Edmund's College Alumni Society. Everyone had fun sharing memories of the college and making some new friends as well.

*Pictured above: Vicci Lau, James Chau, Sylvia Lee, Michael Wong, Carmen Fung, Sonny Hsu, David Fung, Jenzen Fung, Wayne Wong, Jacqueline Chan, Elaine Wong, and Andy Lai.*



## Alumni Weekend: AGM, Alumni Concert and Dinner, 24 September 2022

As part of the University's annual Alumni Festival, the Alumni Society's Annual Concert and Dinner was held at St Edmund's College on Saturday, 24th September.

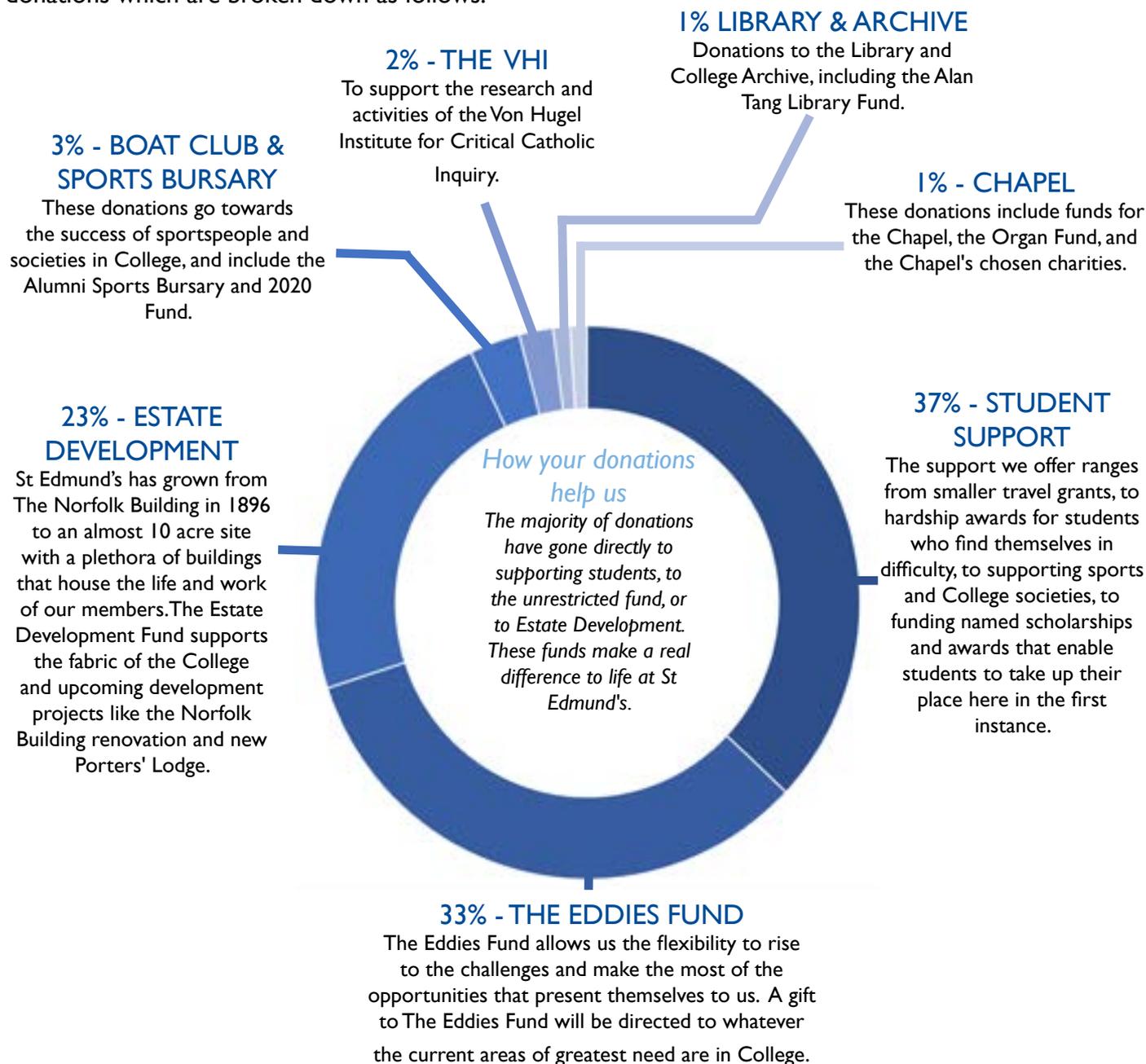
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# PHILANTHROPY

## Your Impact

Thank you. St Edmund's College continues to grow from strength to strength, due in no small part to the generosity of our supporters and donors. In the 21/22 financial year we received around 1939 individual donations which are broken down as follows:



## DONATE HERE

Donations to the College are an essential part of its history. A gift in a will led to the building of the Chapel. The 2018 crowdfunder gave the CR a new lease of life. The 2020/21 crowdfunder that bought us new outdoor gym equipment during a global lockdown. The 2022 crowdfunder bought us new garden furniture for all to enjoy. Collectively, regular gifts also help the College to provide financial and practical support to students. This is increasingly important in a world where education is more expensive and the working world more competitive than ever before.

Get in touch with the Development Office to find out more:  
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## Legacy for the Archive

Legacies have played a key role in the College throughout its history. A generous legacy has been very kindly gifted to the College Archive for its maintenance. This gift will have a profound impact on the Archive. The most pressing need of the Archive is more space. Using the money towards installing rolling stacks in the Archive repository will significantly increase the amount of storage space from 26 linear metres to 61 linear metres.

The Archive is always expanding as it continues to collect records in order to preserve the College's history. Without more space to take in new records, there is a risk of important information being lost or destroyed and the record of the College's history being incomplete. Using this legacy to install rolling stacks will secure many more years of growing room for the Archive and ensure that records of historical significance can continue to be transferred to the Archive.

If you are considering mentioning St Edmund's in your Will, please contact the Alumni Relations & Development 01223 760877 [development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk)

## Outdoor Furniture Crowdfunding

Over the summer of 2022, we ran a crowdfunding appeal to buy a selection of new outdoor furniture to provide students, staff, and Fellows more space to fully enjoy the College grounds.

The Orchard is a unique part of the College and an important space for our students to relax and spend time outside, particularly when we have so many international and postgraduate students at St Edmund's that will remain in College over the summer. However, as we only had 3 small tables for the whole of the garden, up until now students have not been able to take full advantage of the area.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we reached our target of raising over £5,000 to purchase new furniture for the Orchard and College grounds. We have purchased ten custom St Edmund's deckchairs, and the other pieces of furniture will arrive later in the year, just in time for students to enjoy when the weather gets warmer!



## Renovation of the Maisonettes into new SCR and Student Services Centre

The Maisonettes, which provided a home to generations of St Edmund's students and families since their construction in 1975, were decommissioned for use as accommodation at the start of this academic year.

Taking an environmentally conscious approach to our estate planning, the College has repurposed these buildings into a new Student Services centre and a dedicated communal space for senior members. This includes office spaces, meeting rooms and the new Senior Combination Room (SCR), which features an expansive conservatory extension, outdoor terrace, and eco-friendly living roof.



Work on the Maisonettes began in February 2022 and was completed at the end of the year, and it has now been transformed into comfortable and attractive spaces for students, Fellows, and staff to enjoy. The renovation project was also generously supported by members of our Fellowship, who donated almost £14,000 to fund the final furnishing, fittings, and design of the SCR. We are very grateful to all those that made a donation, who have helped to ensure that all current and future members have a welcoming space that is perfect for fostering a close community at the College.

# FELLOWS & SENIOR MEMBERS

## Prof. Richard Horne receives the RAS Gold Medal



Professor Richard B. Horne received the Royal Astronomical Society Gold Medal (Geophysics) at the beginning of

2022 for his outstanding contributions to our understanding of the physics underlying space weather.

The Gold Medal is the society's highest honour, which can be awarded for any reason but usually recognises lifetime achievement. Professor Horne is the second St Edmund's Fellow to win the medal in four years. As Head of the Space Weather and Atmosphere Team at BAS, Professor Horne has shown international leadership in firstly developing space weather science and then leading the European projects SPACECAST (2011-14) and SPACESTORM (2014-2017) to help to protect satellites from the impact of space weather events.

## Tiziana D'Angelo named director for Paestum and Velia Archaeological Park

Former Fellow and Director of Studies Tiziana D'Angelo was named the new director of Paestum and Velia



Archaeological Park in February 2022, and is responsible for archaeological work on its ancient ruins. Aged 28, D'Angelo

is among the youngest directors of a leading Italian cultural site. She takes over the role from Gabriel Zuchtriegel, who now manages Pompeii.



## Patrick Mitton received Papal Knighthood

Patrick Mitton, Fellow Commoner and alumnus of the College, received the Papal Order of Knight of St Gregory at an Investiture Mass held at St Edmund's College, Ware, on Saturday 12th March 2022.

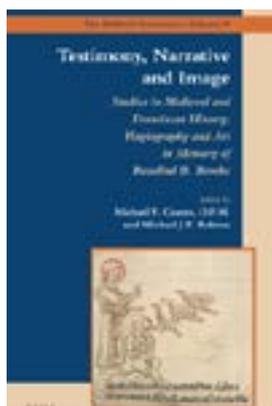


Patrick received the honour in recognition of serving as governor and Chair of Governors at St Edmund's College, Ware for a total of 18 years. The College, founded in 1568 is England's oldest independent Catholic school and is linked in history to the foundation of St Edmund's in 1896. Amongst those attending the Mass, celebrated by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster, Bishop Paul McAleenan, was the Master and Fr Alban McCoy, Praelector.

## Dr Michael Robson publishes Testimony, Narrative and Image

Emeritus Fellow Dr Robson has published a new book, co-edited with Michael Cusato in memory of Rosalind B. Brooke.

*Testimony, Narrative and Image: Studies in Medieval and Franciscan History, Hagiography and Art* collates the work of distinguished scholars from France,



Germany, Italy, the UK, and the USA to celebrate Rosalind B. Brooke's immense contribution to Franciscan studies over the last 60 years.

## Professor Allen Brent admitted to the Academia Ambrosiana

Fellow Professor Allen Brent was admitted, following election as a Fellow (sodalis), to the Academia Ambrosiana at a ceremony in the Veneranda Bibliotheca Ambrosiana, Milan, on 22nd March 2022. The Academy is composed of an international group of distinguished academics eminent in the field of research in the history, archaeology, and art of the late Roman Empire and of early Medieval Europe. His election is one further indication of the international standing of the St Edmund's Fellowship.

## Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship for Prof. Colin Williams



Professor Colin H. Williams, Senior Research Associate of the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge and

Honorary Professor, School of Welsh, Cardiff University has been awarded a Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship.

The prestigious award has been made in order to enable him to carry on his research on 'The Transformation of Official Language Regimes'. The focus is on minority language policy as an expression of human respect and dignity and as an attempt to reduce structural strains arising from former discriminatory approaches to the treatment of non-hegemonic languages within the modern state system. A sociolinguist of international renown, Professor Williams has been active in European minority language networks and has contributed to government policy development in several jurisdictions. His latest volume 'Language Policy and the New Speaker Challenge' is due for publication by Cambridge University Press in the Autumn of 2022.

## Prof. David Bridges publishes Ethics in Education

Ethics International Press has published this month a book by Emeritus Fellow, Professor David Bridges: *Ethics in*



*Educational Practice Policy and Research.*

The book consists of twenty papers published over

David's fifty

years of engagement in education in multiple roles and situates these in a narrative which is part historical, part biographical.

The topics range from papers about classroom teaching through parent/school relations, issues in higher education, to research ethics and international education. Six of the papers are derived from David's time as Director of the Von Hügel Institute and its Centre for Educational Research and Development between 2001 and 2008.



## Prof. Somak Raychaudhury appointed Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University

Professor Somak Raychaudhury, eminent Indian astrophysicist and currently Director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University, a leading liberal arts and sciences university in India.

Professor Raychaudhury was a former Research Fellow at St Edmund's, and completed his PhD in Astrophysics at the University of Cambridge.

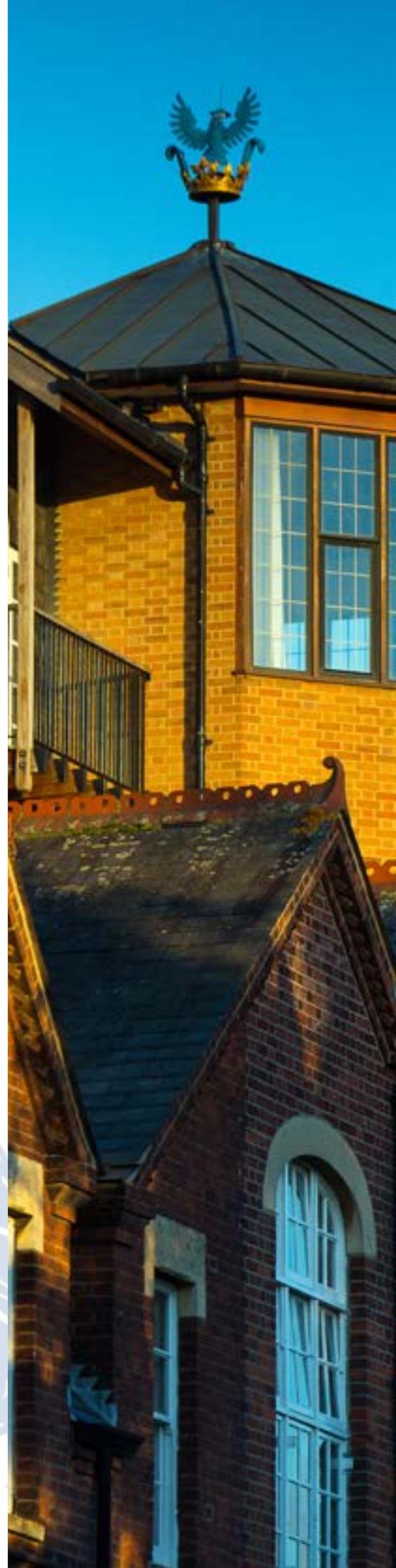


## Prof. Mike Herrtage awarded the Queen's Medal by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Professor Mike Herrtage FRCVS, Life Fellow of St Edmund's, former Dean of the University of Cambridge's Veterinary School and Emeritus Professor of Small Animal Medicine, received the 2022 RCVS Queen's Medal at their annual AGM.

The Queen's Medal is the highest honour that the RCVS can bestow upon an individual veterinary

surgeon and recognises his outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession.



# OBITUARIES: 2022

## John Tudor Emeritus Fellow and former Treasurer



John Tudor, who was an Emeritus Fellow and former Treasurer of St Edmund's College, died in hospital on 14th January 2022 shortly after a fall.

John was

born on 6th June 1933, attended the Jesuit school Wimbledon College and trained to be a doctor at King's College Medical School, where he was President of the Students Union and graduated in 1957. His early medical career was varied and included house officer appointments in London, followed by nine years as a general practitioner, six of them in High Wycombe and then three in Ontario, Canada. He subsequently specialised in radiology, spending five years at the Hammersmith Hospital in west London, eventually as a Senior Registrar. In 1974, he was appointed to the post of Consultant Radiologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he worked until his retirement. His clinical training, expertise and distinction were reflected in his post-nominal letters MB BS MA MRCS LRCP DMRD DRCOG FRCR and also in his contributions to radiology research, teaching and examining. John was Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Addenbrooke's in the 1980s and also chaired the East Anglian Regional Medical Advisory Committee and served as an Associate Editor of the British Journal of Radiology. During his time at Addenbrooke's, John was also an Associate Lecturer in the University's Faculty of Clinical Medicine, actively contributing to the teaching of several generations of Cambridge clinical students. He served as an external examiner for the Royal College of Radiologists as well as the Faculty of Radiologists in Ireland and examined for three years in Kuwait.

John became a Senior Member of St Edmund's College in 1980 after the Master, Father John Coventry met John and his wife Jennifer when they

were on holiday in the west country and attended a Mass celebrated in his hotel room. From that time, John and Jennifer became active members of the College community and regularly attended Guest Night dinners, a practice they continued until the dinners were curtailed in 2020 by the restrictions of the Covid pandemic. In 1990 John was elected to the College Fellowship at the same time as two other Senior Members, Peter Jackson and Michael Herrtage, all three later becoming senior officers and playing an important role in the growth and development of the College. In 1995 John was appointed Treasurer, responsible for implementing the investment policy, a role he continued until reaching the retirement age and being elected an Emeritus Fellow in 2001. John's contributions and importance to the College were much greater than this single appointment implies. No-one who met John could fail to recognise his calm, thoughtful and warm personality as well as his politeness. He was a true gentleman and his presence in the Fellowship provided an important pair of steadying hands during a key period of the College's development. Throughout his 41 years of association with the College, John was a constant source of support for successive Masters and, as Sir Brian Heap has put it, 'especially when a wise and calming influence was needed.'

John was passionate in his Christian faith. In 1996, he took an active part in the celebrations of 750 years of St Edmund of Abingdon's canonisation, joining a party of members of St Edmund Hall Oxford and other bodies associated with the Saint who travelled by coach and ferry to Pontigny in France. He also represented our college, along with the Vice-Master Geoffrey Cook, at a lunch at St Edmund Hall in honour of St Edmund. John was also interested in and contributed to Roman Catholic education, being a governor at St Edmund's College, Ware between 1994 and 2002 and a governor (for a while, Chair of governors), at St Mary's School, Cambridge between 1997 and 2004. He was very conscious of the historical association between our College and St Edmund's College, Ware and anxious to ensure that the links were maintained. Long after stepping down as a governor, he continued to

take a keen interest in developments at Ware.

John was devoted to his family – his wife Jennifer, their children Joanna, Romey, Sarah, Jonathan and their families. He was a keen sailor in earlier years and also an avid golfer. Many of his friendships were cemented over rounds of golf. His kindness and companionship will be greatly missed by many friends in the UK and overseas, including all those who knew him at St Edmund's.

Prof. Paul Luzio, January 2022

## Sir Crispin Tickell

### Honorary Fellow



Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO FZS, who has died from pneumonia on 25th January 2022, at the age of 91, was a well-respected

British diplomat, environmentalist, and academic. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of St Edmund's College on 21st November 1995.

Educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, from which he graduated with a first in Modern History in 1952, Sir Crispin undertook his National Service as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards. On returning to civilian life, he joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service and was responsible for the British Antarctic Territory, which naturally may have encouraged his lifetime interest in the Antarctic environment. Postings to various embassies culminated with his appointment as British Ambassador to Mexico (1981-83). At the conclusion of the Queen's Official Visit to Mexico in 1983, he was knighted as a KCVO on the Royal Yacht Britannia. Sir Crispin then went on to become Permanent Secretary of the Overseas Development Administration (1984-87) and then British Ambassador to the United Nations and Permanent Representative on the UN Security Council (1987-1990). He was appointed GCMG in 1988 for his services at the UN. In 1989, Argentina and Britain opened

discussions aimed at re-establishing diplomatic relations which had been broken during the Falklands Islands conflict. Over two days in New York, meetings between Sir Crispin, as British representative to the UN, and Argentine Special Ambassador, Lucio Garcia del Solar, resulted in a UN source going on record as saying ‘[for the] first time since the Falklands Islands conflict ended there appeared to be a new atmosphere, one without the levels of hostility and bitterness of the past.’

The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) has had a long history with the Falkland Islands and Dr Richard Laws CBE FRS (Master of St Edmunds, 1985 to 1996), the then Director of BAS, was in a position to alert the British Government to the fact that the Falklands had been invaded and to offer logistical advice. Given their shared interest in the British Antarctic and the Falklands, it is not surprising that Dr Laws and Sir Crispin came to know each other and to develop a friendship. Sir Crispin became Warden of Green College, Oxford in 1990 (in 2008 Green College merged with Templeton College to become Green Templeton College), just as his friend, Dr Laws, had been elected as Master of St Edmund’s House in 1986. Both Heads of House were interested in raising the profile of their respective Colleges and they approached their governing bodies to see if they would agree to a twinning arrangement, a relationship which is well established between a number of Oxbridge Colleges. In January 1992, the College received a letter from Green College, in which Green College proposed to twin with St Edmund’s. The then Association of St Edmund’s agreed to this at its meeting on 9th March 1992 and our two institutions have enjoyed a special relationship ever since.

In June 1993, Sir Crispin hosted a dinner at the Radcliffe Observatory, a lovely eighteenth-century building, which houses Green Templeton College’s dining room. Dr Laws was due to make a speech at the dinner but unfortunately became unwell during his journey to Oxford and had to return to Cambridge. On arriving at Green College that evening, I learned that, in my then capacity as Vice-Master to Dr Laws, I would have to give the speech myself, and in just over an hour! Sir Crispin was a very gracious host, and the occasion went well. Sir Crispin was always a faithful guest at the St Edmund’s College

Norfolk Commemoration Feast and he continued to attend as an Honorary Fellow long after he had completed his term of office as Warden of Green College.

On leaving Green College in 1997 Sir Crispin continued to fulfil existing academic positions as well as taking on new ones. He was President of the Royal Geographical Society 1990-1993, President of the Marine Biological Association 1990-2001, Chancellor of the University of Kent 1996 – 2006, and he remained an Honorary Fellow and cherished friend of St Edmund’s College, Cambridge.

Our thoughts are with Sir Crispin’s wife, Lady Penelope Tickell, and with his children, family, and friends at this time.

Rev Dr Geoffrey Cook



**Professor  
Richard  
Hills FRS  
Emeritus  
Fellow**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Professor Richard Hills, Emeritus

Professor Radio Astronomy in the University of Cambridge and Emeritus Fellow of St Edmund’s passed away on 5 June 2022. Our thoughts are with his wife, Beverly, his family and his friends.

Richard was a wonderful colleague and a good friend to many at St Edmund’s College. His genial personality and smiling face made him a popular person to sit and chat with at college guest evenings and formal halls, for fellows and students alike. He served the college in many ways, on several committees and as the Director of Studies in Natural Science between 1990 and 2007. He enjoyed working with younger researchers and students, passing on his knowledge and expertise, and was a great supporter of the Annual Student Conference.

Richard enjoyed a highly prestigious career as a first-class scientist and project manager. He took a leading role in the development of astronomy at submillimetre wavelengths — those lying between the radio and infrared bands.

He was Project Scientist for two very challenging international projects.

Richard’s first large-scale project, the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope in Hawaii, opened the submillimetre band for studying molecules in interstellar space and the formation of stars, and is particularly well known for discovering dust-shrouded massive galaxies at high redshifts. For his close involvement in its conception and design, construction and commissioning stages, he received the Jackson-Gwilt Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society.

He was a pioneer in the development of radio astronomy at millimetre wavelengths. Between 2007 and 2012 played a major role in leading an international project, the Atacama Large Millimetre/Submillimetre Array (ALMA) in Chile. This instrument has produced images with unprecedented clarity and sensitivity of objects ranging from asteroids to planet-forming discs around young stars and galaxies in the early Universe.

Richard Hills was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2014 for ‘the outstanding scientific leadership shown by Richard Hills undoubtedly played a major part in the success of this challenging international project.’

We shall miss him greatly at college events, garden parties, and dinners, but will always remember his contribution to the college, the Fellowship and students with warmest affection.

### **Caroline Mary Richardson Fellow Commoner and former Domestic Bursar**

Caroline Mary Richardson, former Domestic Bursar and Fellow Commoner, passed away on the 9th August 2022 at the age of 92.

Mary was born in the village of Harefield, not far from London, to Thomas and Florence Tucker. She had an elder sister, Betty. Florence died in late 1931, and Thomas remarried and had a further three children, Janet, Margaret and Tom.

Mary was educated at Harefield School, and then won a scholarship to Ealing Technical College in 1944. She studied shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, leaving in 1946 to commence work at Harefield Rubber Company, known as Bell Works. She married Peter Richardson in March 1951, and left

work shortly before the birth of her first child, Linda in 1958, and returned to work in March 1962, a year after the birth of her second child, Tony.

The family moved to Australia in 1963 for a two year term with Peter working in the Sydney office of Martin Baker Aircraft Co, manufacturers of ejection seats for military aircraft. Peter and Mary bought a milk bar business, which Mary ran during the week with Peter helping out after hours and on the weekends.

Returning to England in 1965, but with a view to permanently emigrating to Australia, the family settled in Melbourne in 1971. Mary was employed as Registrar at Whitehorse Girls' Technical school from 1973, until its merger with Box Hill Technical School (now Box Hill Institute), where she was Business Manager. Peter died suddenly in May 1983, while Mary was studying part time for a Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration, which she received in October that year.

Mary 'retired' in 1988, and returned to England for an extended holiday but soon found work at various locations, finally being appointed Domestic Bursar at St Edmund's College, Cambridge. As Domestic Bursar 'Caroline Richardson' as we knew her, presided with calm over the college office (now reception) which was the hub of the College in those days when we had only one building and just 80 residents. She knew everything and everyone about the college since the fellows' pigeonholes were also in her office. On her second retirement, she was elected a Fellow Commoner of the College.

In 1997, Mary retired from full time work, but maintained her connection with St Edmund's and the wider University community with some part time work with the Cambridge Society. Her son, Tony had a brief stint living and working in the UK, but after he returned to Australia in 2007, Mary decided to return also. She settled in Gisborne, where her son lived, and quickly became a part of the community. She was active in PROBUS, and also the Macedon and Riddells Creek Senior Citizens.

Mary passed away peacefully at her home. She is survived by her daughter Linda, son Tony, granddaughter Sara, and great grandsons Xavier and Max.

## Dr Bryon Bache Former Fellow

We were saddened to learn of the death of Dr Bryon Bache on 23 June 2022 aged 91.



Bryon became a Fellow of St Edmund's College in 1992 having started life with a humble beginning in Gloucester. In early school years he won a scholarship

to Crypt Grammar School where he flourished academically and in sport, and was encouraged to apply to Oxford where he successfully gained a place at Keble College. After National Service in Germany, he took up his place at Oxford in 1951 and read Chemistry with Biochemistry, was active in the Christian Union and the college athletics club, and in a fourth year worked in a Soil Science laboratory which laid the foundation for his career as a soil scientist.

Bryon first came to Cambridge in 1955 as University Demonstrator in Soil Science at the School of Agriculture where he was responsible for lectures and practical classes in Soil Fertility and Management for the degree in Agriculture. In 1963, with Frances his wife who trained as a nurse, and at that time three young daughters, he sailed for Nigeria where he helped to start the agriculture faculty at the Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria. This appointment signalled the expansion of his research interests in tropical agriculture but the Nigerian civil war intervened and he moved to the well known Macaulay Institute for Soil Research in Aberdeen where he became Head of the Department of Soil Fertility. Here he worked on soil-nutrient-plant relationships and optimum economic crop production, as well as contributing to the Institute's advisory role for farmers in the North of Scotland.

Cambridge beckoned and in 1984 he became University Lecturer in Soil Science at the Department of Applied Biology before transferring to the Department of Geography where, as a senior scientist he developed further his research into tropical soils in countries of the African continent

and Latin America, and helped to start a Master's course in Environment and Development. His expert knowledge was called upon by governmental departments and the UN when acid rain and its interaction with soils, surface waters and fisheries emerged as a major environmental problem in the 1970s and 1980s. Bryon's publications, interdisciplinary collaborations and scholarly contributions to major scientific conferences reflect his international standing, prescient of today's realisation that healthy soils have the potential to mitigate the impacts of greenhouse gases on climate change.

A Lay Reader in the Episcopalian church from his Scotland days, chair of the Refugee Support Group, tutor of a course on 'Secrets of the soil' at the University of the Third Age, and strong supporter of his local churches during his later Cambridge days, add to enduring memories for his close family and many friends, all part of Bryon's lasting legacy in science and society.

Sir Brian Heap





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Were you a member of any University societies or sports teams?

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How would you describe your time at St. Edmund's?

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