



Oriel College  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

CAMPAIGN REVIEW  
**2026**



# Foreword by the Provost



Six years ago, Oriel launched an ambitious fundraising programme to secure the College's future by its 700th anniversary in 2026.

The 2026 Campaign set out three core aims, to:

- build up funds providing financial support to students
- endow existing and new academic posts, and
- refurbish the College's estate.

Thanks to the generosity of many Orielenes, foundations, companies and friends of the College, a huge amount has been achieved over the first six years of the Campaign. We now offer a far greater number of bursaries and other financial support to students than ever before, we have refurbished much of our student accommodation and other facilities, we have built up our endowment funds to support our existing Fellowships and we have created a number of key new academic posts.

After six years, having raised £13 million, I thought it was an appropriate point to update you on where we have got to and thank all of you who have contributed so far.

We now need to raise £20 million to meet our aims over the next five years and this means doubling the pace at which we raise money. We are confident that this can be achieved. With your support, now and in the future, the Fellows and I are confident that Oriel will continue to flourish.

Derek Morris



# The 2026 Campaign

In 2003, we launched the Oriel 2026 campaign with the goal of raising £45 million by our 700th anniversary in 2026 to:

- Ensure that no undergraduate should be prevented from coming to Oriel for financial reasons
- Attract and support the most talented graduate students
- Retain and improve our unique tutorial system
- Look after and improve our unique collection of buildings which, as well as acting as a remarkable working environment, are also a national heritage site

We believe that our objectives are key to preserving the unique nature of an Oxford education. As well as benefiting individuals for life, it also brings immeasurable benefits to society - whether it be economic, commercial, scientific, medical or cultural.

Recognising this, we ask Orielenes and friends to offer their financial support.



# Highlights of the first six years



BIG BLADE PHOTOGRAPHY

Thanks to the generosity of over 1,000 Orienses, other friends and foundations, we have raised over £13 million in the first six years of the Campaign, just ahead of our target of £2 million a year.

## Student Support

We now provide financial support to over 70 undergraduate students each year, which is nearly a quarter of undergraduates. 50 Development Trust Bursaries were awarded last year, amounting to £50,000, and a new £300,000 fund provides support to undergraduate and graduate students who face financial difficulties.

*Without this bursary, my ability to stay at Oriel would have been in serious doubt, so I cannot thank you enough. I can now enjoy the rest of my law course without having to worry about my finances.*

2ND YEAR LAW STUDENT

*Thank you very much for the recent generous Development Trust Award. The award will certainly go a long way to easing the burden for me this year. It makes me proud to be a member of Oriel knowing that others have chosen to give back to the College in order to support people like me.*

MBA STUDENT

**Student financial support: £2.2 million**

## Buildings

We have made extensive changes to our buildings, including:

- Modernising the Porters Lodge
- Refurbishing ten main quad and Island Site staircases
- Redecorating the Hall
- Converting 14 King Edward Street into Fellows' offices
- Refurbishing the flats in Oriel Square
- Refurbishing College Guest Rooms, the Senior Common Rooms and the Champneys Room
- Creating a new Music Room on Staircase 15

**Building renovations: £3.3 million**

## Academic posts

If we are to maintain and improve the College's tutorial system, we have to provide secure, independently-endowed fellowships in a wide range of subjects. That is why we have focused on building up the endowment for existing Tutorial Fellowships, and many contributions have been received towards our Fellowships in:

*Law, Medicine, History, English, French, Ancient History, and Philosophy*

**Endowment of existing Fellowships: £3.8 million**

In addition, Oriel always looks for new ways to increase its intellectual capital. Donations have given the College a variety of opportunities to add to its Fellowships over the past five years, including:

*2 Senior Research Fellowships in Environmental Science, Machin d'Arbela Fellowship associated with the University Chair in Neuroimmunology, Grocyn Lecturer in Classical Languages, Visiting Fellowship in Music.*

**Gifts for new Fellowships: £ 1.8 million**

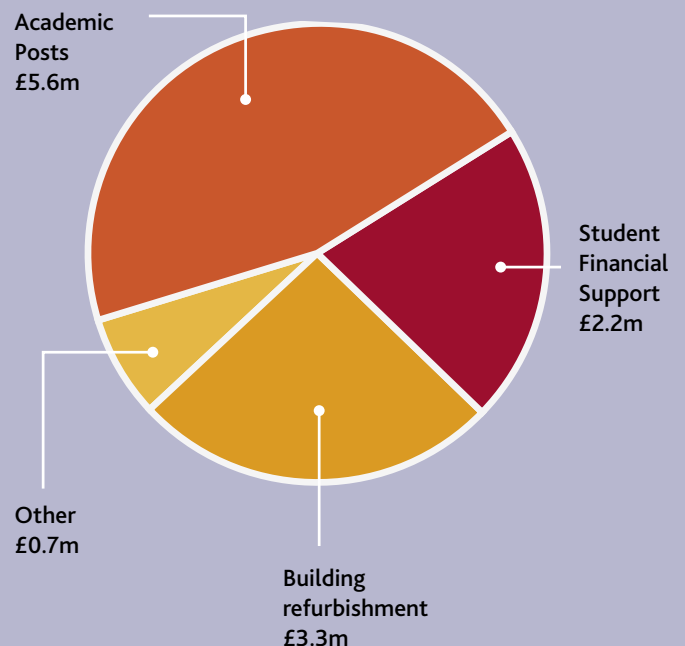
## Other Gifts

Other gifts totalling £700,000 have been made for specific purposes. These include a grand piano for the Senior Library and numerous contributions to the Annual Fund which provides resources for academic performance awards to students and general improvements to College life.

Fundraising costs over the six year period represent 9% of income generated, just below the anticipated 10% targeted expenditure.



## 2026 Campaign 2003 - 2009

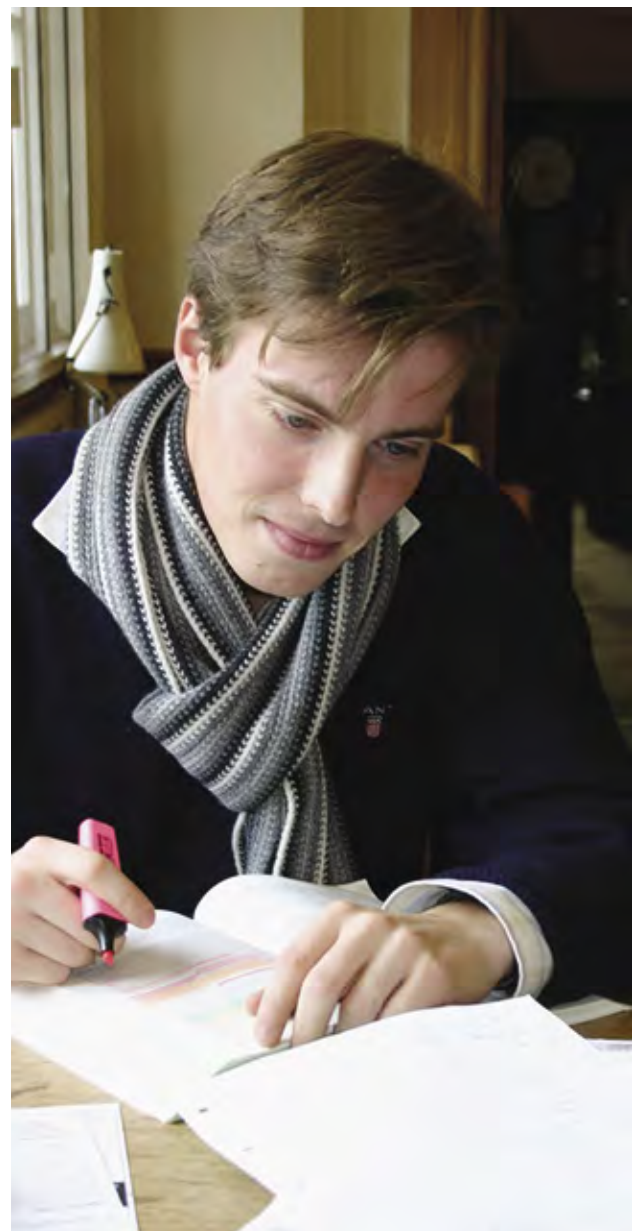


# 2010 to 2014



We have made a very strong start in the first six years of the Campaign. However, the next five years present an even greater challenge as we need to:

- Increase financial support for students (see page 7)
- Refurbish and redevelop the Rhodes Building (see page 8)
- Secure specific Fellowships and teaching posts through permanent endowment (see page 9)





## Financial Support for Students

No student should be deterred from applying or from fulfilling their potential at Oriel for financial reasons. Bursaries and scholarships are therefore essential in attracting students and supporting them through their time in College as:

- students may face unforeseen difficulties, perhaps due to changes in circumstances, causing anxiety and hardship and threatening their continued study at Oriel.
- students have increasing requirements to travel for project work and research, and, for graduates in particular, to present papers at overseas conferences and seminars.
- global competition for the best graduate students is intensifying and funding is a key factor in their recruitment. Oriel needs funding to ensure the continued supply of top-quality graduate students who contribute significantly to the College's research output and in many cases provide the next generation of academics.

**To endow ten bursaries at £40,000 each**      **£400,000**

**Student Financial Support Fund**                      **£700,000**

**To endow ten Graduate Scholarships  
at £150,000 each**                                      **£1,500,000**

**TOTAL**    **£2,600,000**





## Buildings

Oriel is committed to providing good accommodation, teaching and recreational opportunities for students. We aim to house all undergraduate students and the majority of graduate students. This is a challenge for a college which is physically restricted by its city centre location and listed buildings.

On the main site, three major projects are being explored:

- creating a visionary new JCR above the kitchens
- redeveloping King Edward's Street, probably the last great opportunity for a major College project in the very centre of Oxford
- comprehensively renovating the Rhodes Building

All three require their own funding and, whilst the first two are longer term aspirations, work to the Rhodes Building is becoming increasingly urgent.

### The Rhodes Building

The Rhodes Building has been home to hundreds of students and the venue for thousands of tutorials. It also houses the Bursary and the Development Trust. The building now needs major redevelopment as it nears its centenary. We want to add a further fourteen student rooms in a new top floor and transform both the inside and outside for the next hundred years.

**Target: £5,000,000**

### Refurbishment of existing rooms

We also have to improve and upgrade student, teaching and Fellows' rooms to provide living and working space which meets today's needs. This will also mean that we can attract higher levels of conference business and increase income from this important source. The refurbishment of three further staircases on the main site over the coming years will further enhance the facilities that the College can offer.

**Target: £1,600,000**

**TOTAL: £6,600,000**

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## Endowment of Oriel's Fellowships

The exceptional tutorial system is at the heart of Oriel. Support for our Fellows and tutors means that we can attract and retain outstanding academics. This can only be made possible by fully endowing posts, either by adding to existing endowment or by building up new funds, in the following priority areas:

*Law, Philosophy, Medicine, History, Biochemistry, English, Mathematics, Physics, Classical Languages, Finance*

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7,000,000</b>
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## Research Fellowships and Teaching Assistants

Oriel is committed to providing greater opportunities for talented young academics to join or remain in the College across the range of subjects. This will build up our subject teams and high level research.

Three years ago, we introduced our first Graduate Teaching Assistants. These posts give some of our best students the opportunity to teach topics in their specialist fields whilst giving undergraduates the chance to learn from and debate with graduates who have studied their subject in great depth. The demand from many subject areas for these means that the College currently has to alternate them between subjects.

<b>Research Fellowship in Environmental Science</b>	<b>£800,000</b>
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<b>Two additional Research Fellowships at £800,000 each</b>	<b>£1,600,000</b>
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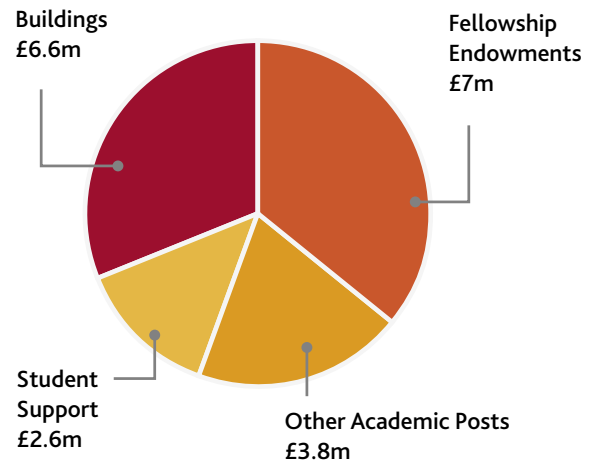
<b>Endowment of four Graduate Teaching Assistants at £350,000 each</b>	<b>£1,400,000</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,800,000</b>
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## 2026 Campaign 2010 – 2014



**TOTAL: £20,000,000**

### In Summary

We need to raise £20 million to meet these aims. This means doubling the pace at which we raise money over the next five years. With the support of the whole Orielensis community we are confident that this can be achieved.

Your support, now and into the future, will enable Oriel to continue to function as a world-class college in a world-class university.

Please look through the enclosed information and consider how you can play your part in building Oriel's future.

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