



# Oriel College

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

# CAMPAIGN 2026

A golden lion rampant, the traditional crest of the University of Oxford, positioned to the right of the '2026' text.

## THE PROVOST WRITES:



Seven 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

Over 1,100 Orielenes and other supporters have contributed to the Campaign and we are most grateful for every contribution received. Last year some 15% of the 5,100 Orielenes supported the College, the average participation rate across the University, but well below the most successful College in Oxford at 33%. Oriel will only flourish with the wide support of its friends and alumni and I do hope that you will join us in securing our future.

This year our priorities are to build the endowment of our core Tutorial Fellowships, begin an ambitious and exciting project to re-develop the Rhodes Building, increase our outreach work to ensure that all outstanding students should be given the opportunity to come here to study and enhance the support that we can offer graduate students at the College.

Further information on each of these areas follows, so please read on and consider how you would like to support our efforts.

With best wishes,

# FUNDING ORIEL'S FELLOWSHIPS

## Securing the future of the tutorial system

The tutorial system, one of the hallmarks of undergraduate education at Oxford, offers students an unparalleled environment in which to develop and realise their academic potential, but its long term future is currently overshadowed by the future of government policy and funding.

Currently the full cost of teaching an undergraduate student at Oxford is estimated at about £16,000 per year, which means that when the contribution made by tuition fees and public funding is subtracted, the annual shortfall per undergraduate every year of their Oxford career is around £8,000. The reality is that current proposals – the combination of the Browne Review on student fees and the Comprehensive Spending Review – do little to significantly narrow the gap and, in some variations, actually increase it. In this light Oxford's colleges will remain absolutely critical in supporting the cost of the undergraduate tutorial system.

One of the key aims of Oriel's 2026 Campaign is to secure the future of College-based tutorial teaching. Over the years, many Orielenes and other supporters have generously supported individual fellowships, but of the 29 current Tutorial Fellowships only three are 'fully funded'. At an average cost per annum of some £40,000, we aim to build up a level of £1 million of endowment to secure each Fellowship in perpetuity.

The tutorial system is often described as the 'jewel in the crown' of undergraduate education at Oxford. By making a gift towards Oriel's Fellowship Endowments you can help us secure the long-term future of this distinctive and justly-prized method of teaching.



Dr Julia Mannherz with two second year Historians



Dr Douglas Hamilton holds an Engineering tutorial



## THE RHODES APPEAL

A comprehensive programme to mark the Centenary of one of Oriel's most notable buildings and to celebrate one of the College's most generous benefactors.

Cecil Rhodes was one of the most determined of Oriel undergraduates, and one of the most generous of its benefactors. Over a period of nine years he took spells of time away from his vast business and political concerns in South Africa to complete the Oxford degree which he valued so highly.

On his death at the early age of 48 he bequeathed to Oriel the then exceptional sum of £100,000, a substantial part of which he directed to be used to construct a new building across the High Street end of Oriel. This new building completed the process of incorporating St Mary's Hall, begun in 1902, into Oriel as a third quad.



View of proposed building from St Mary's Church

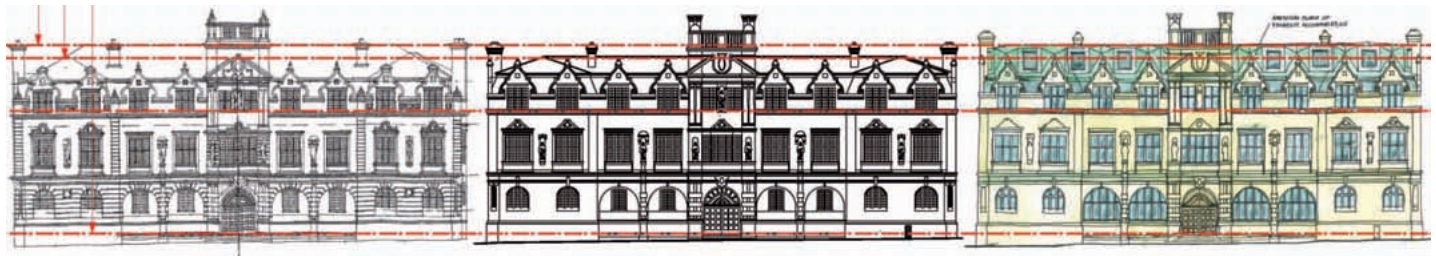
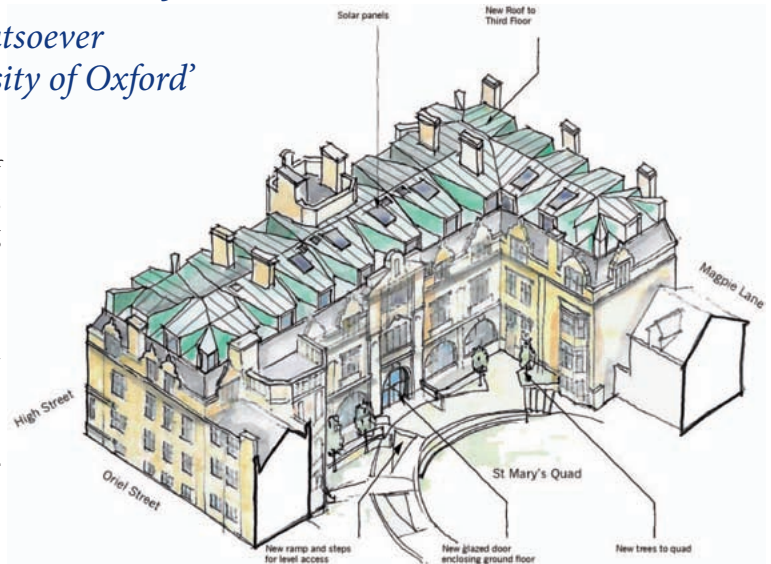
The College is now planning a comprehensive redevelopment of the building, including the replacement of the roof and the creation of a new floor of student rooms at the top of the building. These twelve rooms will be the first major addition of student accommodation on the College's main site since the original opening of the Rhodes Building, and will contribute greatly to the College's objective of being able to offer College accommodation to all undergraduates and all first year graduates.

## Extract from the Will of the Rt. Hon. Cecil John Rhodes:

*'I give the sum of £100,000 free of all duty whatsoever to my old College, Oriel College, in the University of Oxford'*

The comprehensive refurbishment of existing rooms will provide up-to-date accommodation for the twin demands of undergraduates and the increasing conference business, which is an essential source of income to the College. Plans for the building will also ensure for the first time that it is accessible to all. The entrances from St Mary's Quad will be re-modelled to provide level access to the building and a lift will be installed to provide access to all floors. Three rooms will be provided for use by disabled students.

The total cost of the proposed works is £5 million at 2010 prices. The College has set aside £1 million from its planned refurbishment budgets and just over £1 million has already been donated to the project, leaving a balance of £3 million to be raised.



BASIL CHAMPNEY'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

EXISTING

PROPOSED



Pupils and their families arrive at Oriiel for an Open Day



From 23-24 June Oriiel welcomed over 50 pupils to the Orielympics. Pupils engaged in a variety of Olympic and sport themed academic activities introduced by tutors in a cross-section of academic subjects

## ORIEL OUTREACH

### Ensuring access to Oriiel for all

The success of Oriiel and the University relies upon our ability to attract the most talented students from across the UK, no matter what their social and educational backgrounds. In January 2010 the University launched a programme to ensure that every school in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has a designated college contact. This greater co-ordination of outreach work has seen each undergraduate college associated with a defined geographical region. Oriiel is associated with Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and Worcestershire in the West Midlands, and the London boroughs of Richmond-upon-Thames and Kensington & Chelsea, but also continues to develop contacts elsewhere in the country.

In order to move this programme forward, Oriiel proposes to appoint its first Outreach Officer to enable the College to expand two key areas of activity. First, to offer more events – one-day visits to Oxford by school groups, visits by Oriiel tutors to schools, and residential ‘aspiration raising’ events for younger age groups. Second, to target these events specifically at schools without established Oxford links.

The College is now seeking to raise £400,000 of endowment to fund the Outreach Officer post.

# ORIEL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Oriel's graduate students are the academic, business, political and professional leaders of tomorrow. In the UK and around the world they will shape the way future generations learn and live.

However, graduate study is costly with many students paying around £30,000 per annum (as of 2009) covering tuition fees and expenses for the three to five years of their doctorate. Whilst Oriel remains committed to attracting the very best graduate students, lack of funding remains the overriding reason why those holding an offer from Oxford turn it down. With fierce competition from peer international universities – some of whom are now able to offer a full five-year funded package – we must do more to secure funding for our students.

'I chose to be a part of Oriel because of the College's rich intellectual heritage in the areas of philosophy and theology, but soon found out that Oriel is much more than a scholar's educational hub – it is an international community, a tightly knit social network, and – most importantly – a home. As a graduate student at Oriel, I have not only benefitted from the fantastic research resources of the libraries and the relaxing settings of the Common Room, but also from the encouragement, support, and genuine care from my peers and tutors that forms an essential foundation for a proper education. It is this foundation that has made my time as a graduate student at Oriel such a wonderful and rewarding experience. And, as the President of the Middle Common Room, I firmly believe that it is this foundation that motivated my involvement in the college and that continues to inspire graduates at Oriel to give back to their community.'

*Christopher Austin, BPhil Philosophy, current President of the MCR*

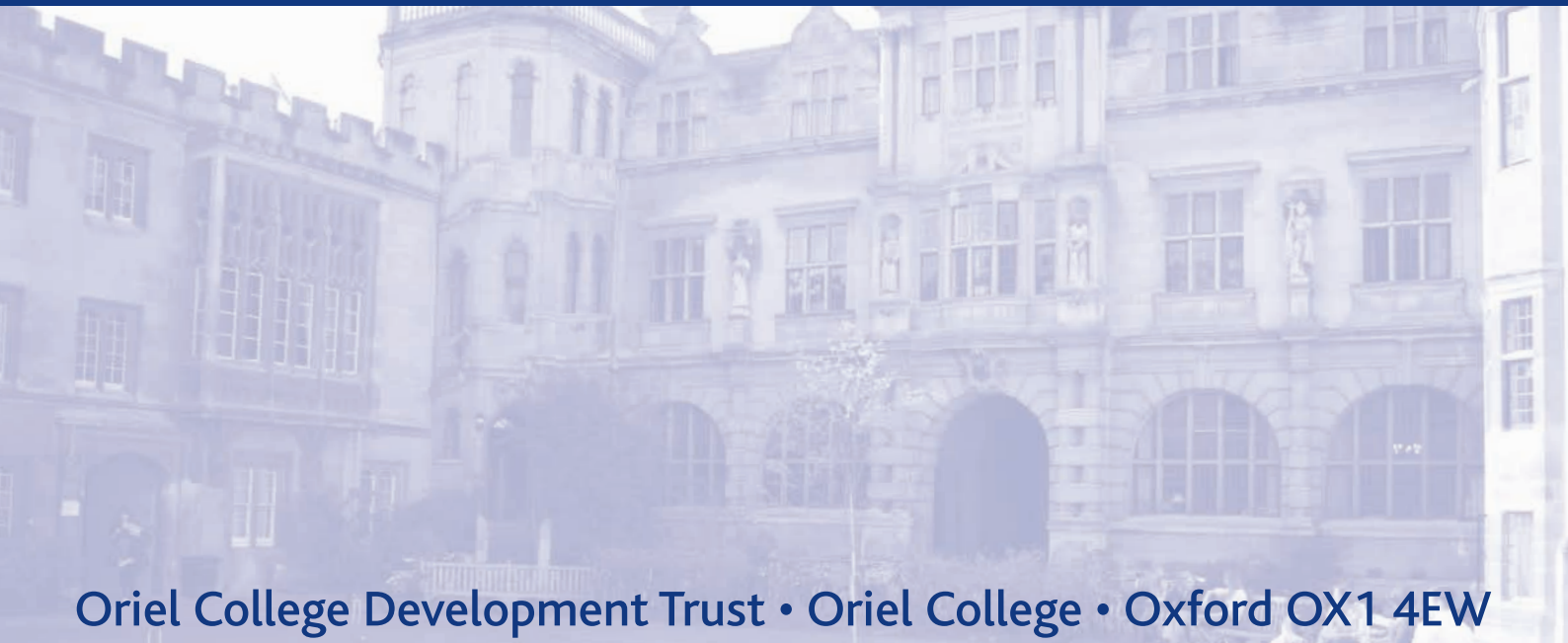
Oriel currently offers three graduate scholarships annually to members of the College, but is looking to increase this number to ten, to add to the various hardship funds and travel grants which are available throughout the year.





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