

# Catalysis

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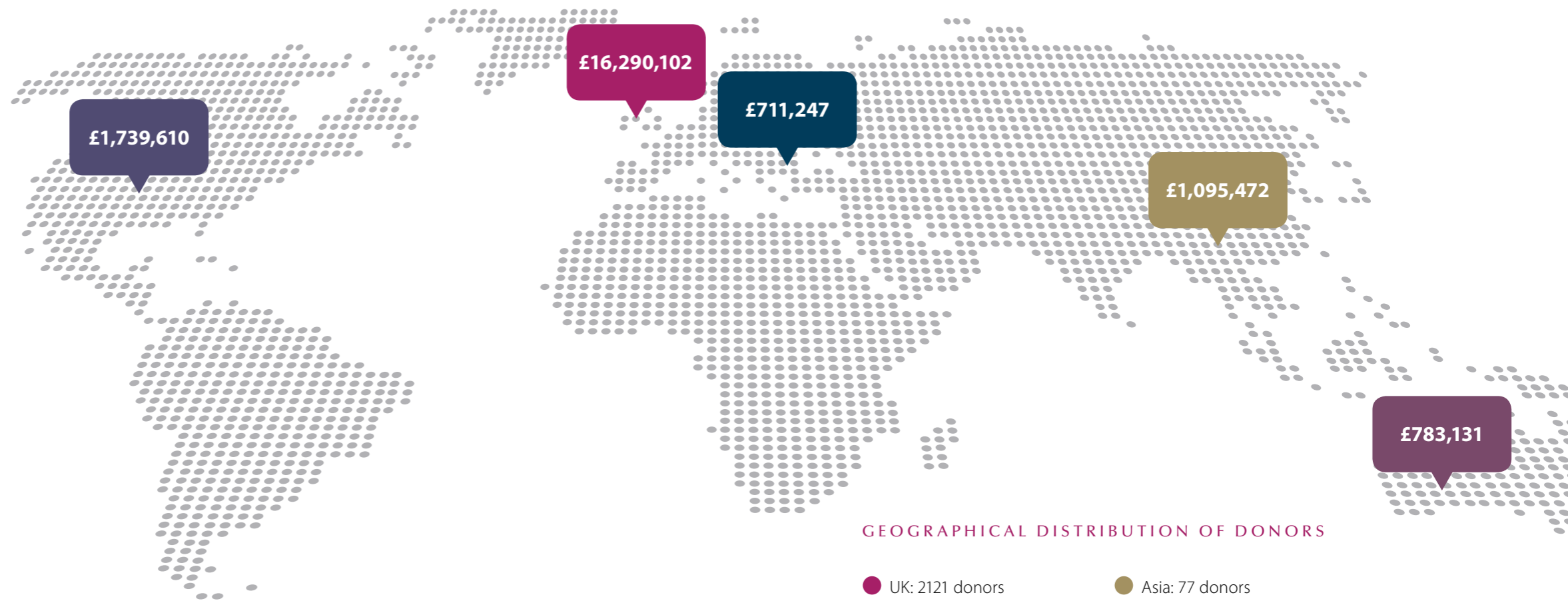


BEST FOUR YEARS OF MY LIFE. CRITICAL FOR MY SUBSEQUENT CAREER. THANK YOU. IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME THEN IT'S LIKE INVESTING IN MY OWN FUTURE! I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BENEFICIARIES OF THE GLYNN JONES SCHOLARSHIP. TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO HAVE THE GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE I HAD. NOTHING CAN EVER FULLY REPAY. MILESTONE EVENT. I WOULD LIKE OTHERS TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE. WAY OF SHOWING MY GRATITUDE. LET'S JUST CALL IT A BELATED THANK YOU. WHOLE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES. DOWNING DESERVES DONATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS! I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN TO DOWNING.



DOWNING COLLEGE  
CATALYSIS CAMPAIGN  
2009-2016

THE CATALYSIS CAMPAIGN HAS DRAWN ON THE GENEROSITY OF DOWNING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD. THIS BOOKLET IS A TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN. IT EXPLAINS HOW CATALYSIS CAME TO FULFIL ITS TARGET AND WHAT THE COLLEGE HAS ACHIEVED WITH THE FUNDS RAISED.

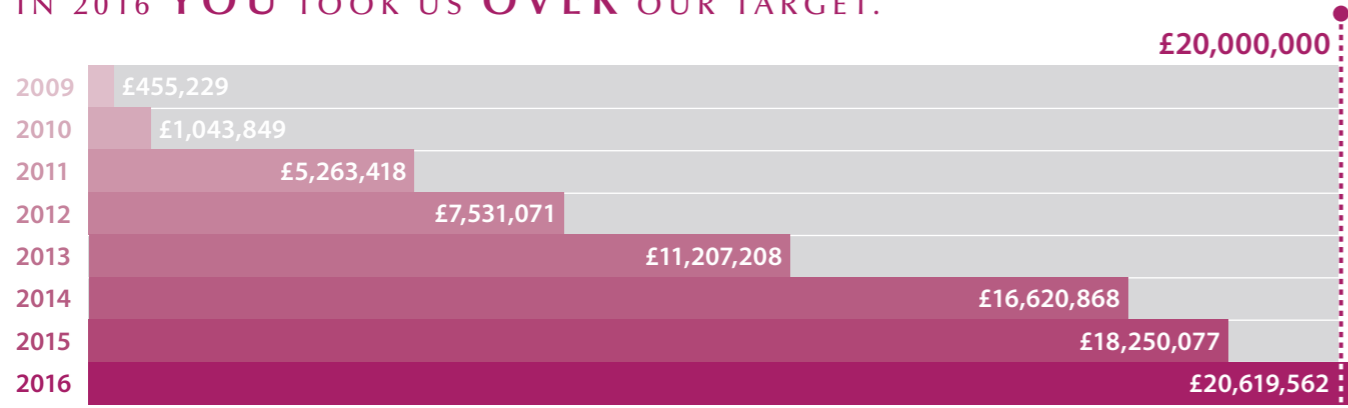


#### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF DONORS

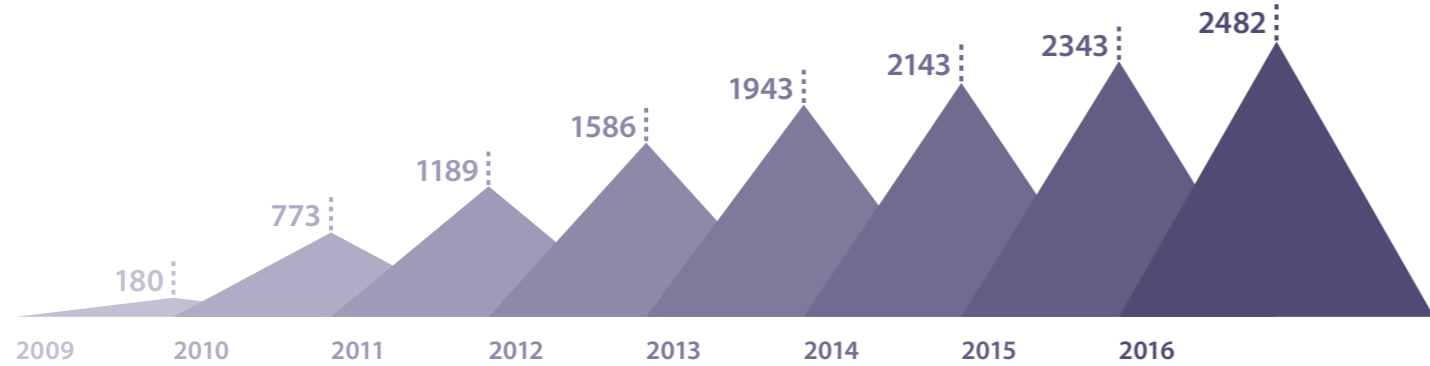
- UK: 2121 donors
- Rest of Europe: 95 donors
- North America: 158 donors
- Asia: 77 donors
- Australia, New Zealand and the rest of the world: 31 donors

IN 2009 WE SET OUT TO RAISE **£20 MILLION**.

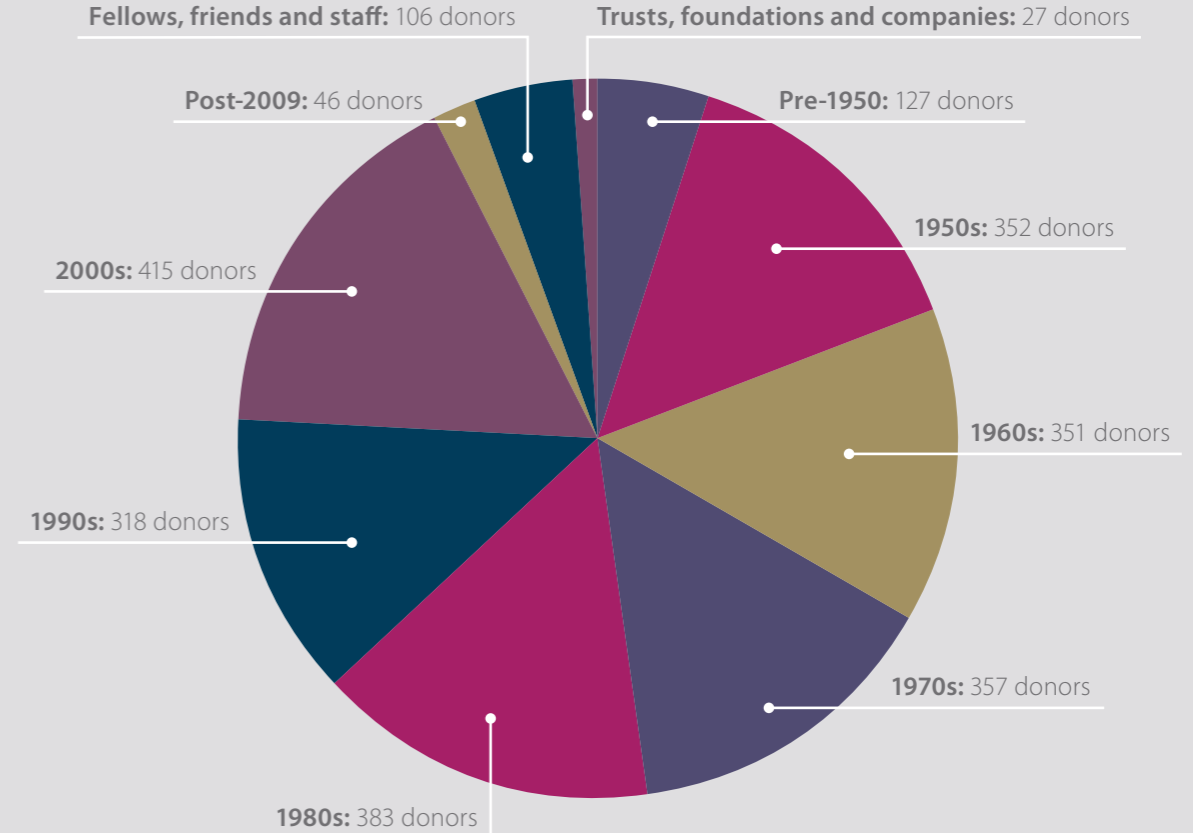
IN 2016 **YOU** TOOK US **OVER** OUR TARGET.



2482 OF YOU HELPED US TO REACH THIS SUM

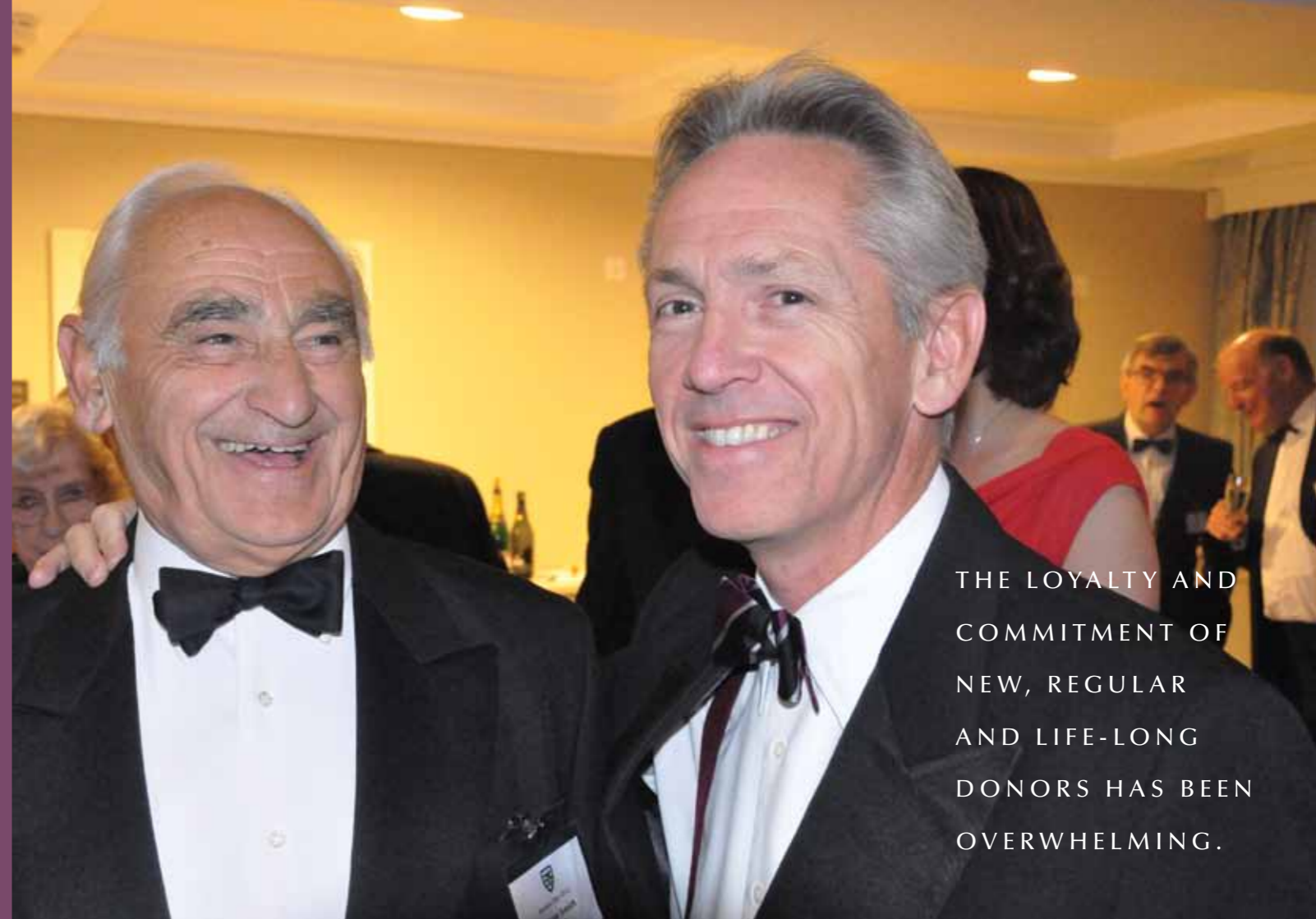


AGE DISTRIBUTION (BY MATRICULATION YEARS)



“It would be good if our lasting contribution to the history of College could be something more than affectionate, light-hearted, camaraderie. So, let’s see what we can do...”

STEVE SMITH 1981, PICTURED WITH  
ADRIAN SMITH 1955




THE LOYALTY AND  
COMMITMENT OF  
NEW, REGULAR  
AND LIFE-LONG  
DONORS HAS BEEN  
OVERWHELMING.



ALUMNI MADE A DIRECT IMPACT  
ON THE CATALYSIS CAMPAIGN IN A  
VARIETY OF WAYS. MANY OF YOU  
GAVE DURING OUR TELEPHONE  
CAMPAIGNS AND OTHERS RESPONDED  
TO MAILINGS. SOME HAD THEIR  
COMPANIES MATCH THEIR DONATIONS.

MEANWHILE 'MATCHED GIVING'  
BY OLD MEMBERS ENABLED  
YOUNG ALUMNI TO PARTICIPATE  
IN OUR BUY-A-BRICK SCHEME.



“Through the generosity of alumni like David Pearson,  
who matched donations of many young alumni, I was  
able to name a brick at half the price in memory of my  
father, who passed away suddenly last year.”

DR HARRIET GROOM 2001

“Love the plaque idea. I’ll do it  
in my dad’s honour who as a  
Palestinian refugee taught me  
that the only asset you ever  
really own is knowledge.”

DR YAZ ROMAHI 1999



THE NEWLY FORMED 1800 CIRCLE,  
WHICH RECOGNISES DONORS WHO  
GIVE AT LEAST £1800 IN ONE YEAR,  
GREW YEAR ON YEAR FROM 46 MEMBERS  
IN 2011 TO 85 MEMBERS IN 2015.



“ Writing my will when my son was born, it seemed only right to put some money aside for Downing. After College has invested so much in me, I’m glad to be giving something back.”

DR AMY MILTON, FELLOW



102 OF YOU JOINED THE 157 EXISTING MEMBERS OF THE 1749 SOCIETY BY PLEDGING LEGACIES IN YOUR WILLS, AN INCREASE OF 65%.

WE ALSO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ALL THOSE WHOSE BEQUESTS TO THE COLLEGE CAME TO FRUITION OVER THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN.



THE MANY GIFTS TO THE  
COLLEGE SHAPE BOTH THE  
ESTATE AND THE LIVES OF  
THOSE WITHIN IT.



## THE IMPACT OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON THE COLLEGE

We asked for support to bring our students within the Domus: we were able, thanks to gifts of £7.3 million, to convert Griphon House and create First Court with Battcock Lodge. With £5.3 million raised for teaching and research, we can now support two fellows in neuroscience, a fellow in laser manufacturing, and a research fellow in biomedical sciences. The need for hardship grants in a world of high tuition fees and inadequate student loans was well understood by our members, many of whom benefitted from free tuition and generous grants. The income from an additional £6.7 million will support students in need and enable

our graduates to take their studies further through studentships. Our buildings – even our car park – have been restored because members are generous.

But the goal is more than simply preserving our heritage: we aim to respond to and foster the interests of our community, for which we received £1.3 million. Alumni loyally support our Boat Club, sponsoring professional coaching. And, unusually for a Cambridge college, we have a state-of-the-art theatre, a perfect organ and Britain's newest art gallery. These gifts bear witness to the impact of our members and friends on the College that they help to create.

DR SUSAN LINTOTT, SENIOR BURSAR



CATALYSIS ENABLES US TO  
EDUCATE GENERATIONS  
OF YOUNG PEOPLE,  
TRANSFORMING THE  
LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS  
AND, THROUGH THEIR  
ACTIONS, INFLUENCING  
THE WIDER WORLD.

THANK YOU.



YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
STUDENT SUPPORT MEANS WE  
CAN AWARD MORE BURSARIES  
AND GRANTS THAN EVER.

IN ADDITION, THROUGH THE  
ACCESS SCHEME, WE HAVE  
OPENED THE EYES OF DOZENS  
OF SIXTH FORM STUDENTS  
TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A  
CAMBRIDGE EDUCATION.




“It benefits society as a whole if the  
University can attract the most academically  
able young people from all backgrounds.”

LOUISE ARNELL 1987, SUPPORTER OF  
DOWNING'S ACCESS PROGRAMME

“Through events run by the College, I was able to  
see that attending Cambridge was a desirable and,  
more importantly, achievable aim for me.”

TOM CHUDLEY 2012



“We now have an organ that supports the singing of the  
Choir and enriches the musical life of the College.”

DR KEITH EYEONS 2004, CHAPLAIN

YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR  
ORGAN APPEAL ENABLED US TO  
COMMISSION AND INSTALL THE  
NEW AND SUPERIOR KENNETH  
TICKELL CHAPEL ORGAN.





WITH YOUR HELP WE CONTINUE TO  
NURTURE OUR STAFF AND COMMUNITY.

“Beginning with the porters at the front gate, the staff, spread across our buildings and grounds, are the bedrock of the College. Without their brilliant support, nothing else could happen in Downing.”

DR PAUL MILLETT, VICE MASTER

WE HAVE DEVELOPED DOWNING'S  
CULTURAL FOOTPRINT AND  
WELCOMED THE WIDER  
COMMUNITY INTO THE COLLEGE  
BY CREATING FIRST COURT  
AND THE HEONG GALLERY.

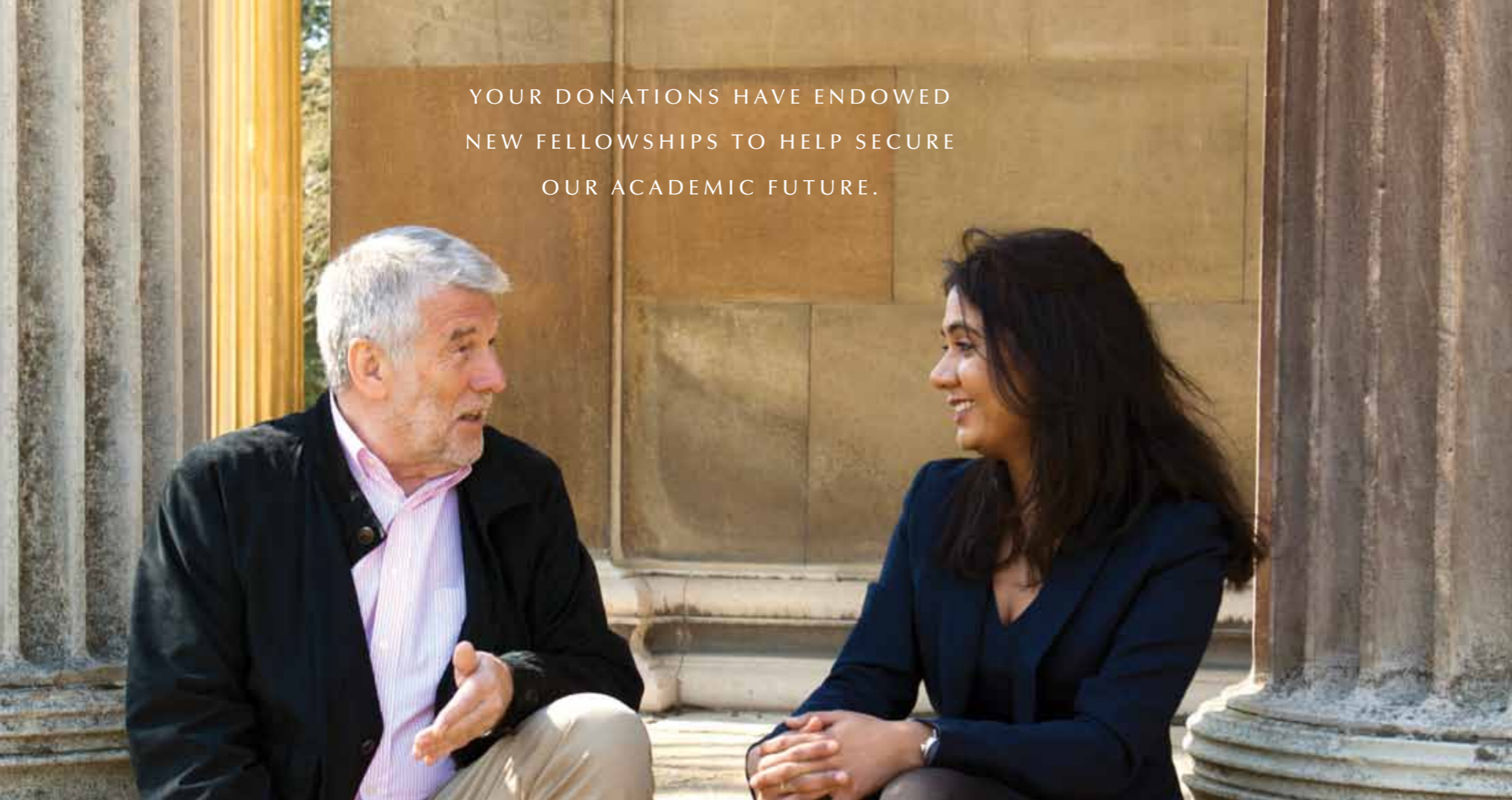
WE HAVE IMPROVED EXISTING  
STUDENT ROOMS AND  
PROVIDED NEW GRADUATE  
ACCOMMODATION IN  
BATTCKOCK LODGE.



“By giving more graduate students the opportunity to live on site, Battcock Lodge will increase participation in the life of the MCR.”

JOHN MORGAN 2008





YOUR DONATIONS HAVE ENDOWED  
NEW FELLOWSHIPS TO HELP SECURE  
OUR ACADEMIC FUTURE.

“I am delighted by the appointment of Dr Priyanka Joshi as the first Everitt Butterfield Fellow and extremely grateful to members of the Committee who worked tirelessly to establish the fund and to the many who contributed so generously. John Butterfield would have been delighted, as am I to have my name linked with his in support of medical sciences at Downing.”

PROFESSOR BARRY EVERITT,  
MASTER 2003–2013



“Studying at Downing was a great experience and so much more than just doing a degree.”

KATIE TILLSON 2010,  
CAPTAIN OF MIXED NETBALL 2011–2012

YOU HAVE  
RECOGNISED THE  
VALUE IN ENSURING  
OUR STUDENTS  
CONTINUE TO  
BENEFIT FROM  
EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES.





“Downing’s extraordinary and wide-ranging developments in recent years have been made possible through the engagement of the entire Downing family, encompassing alumni, friends, fellows, students, and staff. Thank you so very much for your part in bringing Catalysis to a resounding conclusion.”

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY GRIMMETT, MASTER

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The Catalysis Campaign has substantially increased the College's financial stability, which was its mission. Two centuries of serious under-endowment cannot be corrected in several years or even decades, but Catalysis has been a significant step towards a more secure future for Downing.

This work will continue.

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