



YOUR LEGACY TO  
WOLFSON COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Wolfson College



Every great University, and every great College, thrives on the moral and financial commitment of those who support its values, share its interests, and want to invest in future generations. The quality of our work depends on the quantum of your support. For the first time now Oxford has more graduate students than undergraduates; but provision to nurture them has lagged behind.

Legacies, large and small, have been instrumental in making Wolfson what it is today: welcoming, intellectually inspiring, and committed to what you might call the Enlightenment values of trust in science and trust in rationality. Today's students and researchers enjoy an environment in which they can thrive: art, music, and gardens supported by Geoffrey Garton's major legacy; financial support to work on issues across and between subjects funded by the suite of Marriott Scholarships; a built environment with a distinctive and affirming architectural integrity. All these things are

possible because people like you have wanted to support this great College.

And we welcome supporters with legacies small as well as large. A small donation can provide a travel award which lets a brilliant student travel to a conference, present their findings, and launch a career of academic discovery. A modest sum can support a student who encounters unexpected financial hardship, tiding them through the difficulty and allowing them to flourish when their short-term challenges are overcome. Support for a sports, art or music event can enhance the quality of students' experiences and make them more rounded members of society.

So please join us in supporting our young people, and our future game-changers. You know Wolfson already; now be part of its future.

**Sir Tim Hitchens CMG LVO, *President.***

JOHN PRINCE

DPhil, Biomedical Engineering

I think being a student at Wolfson College provides a completely different Oxford experience than being a student at any other college. Being surrounded by fellow postgraduates, from all walks of life, studying every discipline Oxford has to offer creates a truly unique environment to both study and socialise. Everyone in Wolfson is here because they are genuinely passionate about their studies, making the Wolfson community a hub for diverse, innovative and novel thought. Wolfson also provides the perfect counterbalance for its academic strengths in the form of the dozens of sport, art and charity societies that run all year round.

As a DPhil student in biomedical engineering, I have found Wolfson to be beyond supportive – from providing regular college adviser dinners to having exceptional facilities available 24 hours a day in the college library. I am also hugely privileged to have received the Oxford-Wolfson-Marriot Graduate Scholarship in Healthcare Innovation without which my studies here would not have been possible.



JOSIE KAYE

## DPhil in International Relations

Without Wolfson's generous support, I would simply not have been able to accept my place at Oxford; as a mature student, the "opportunity-costs" of obtaining a doctorate are that much greater, as it involves taking somewhat of a step back from a career that is already underway. Wolfson has enabled me to fulfil my dream of being able to bridge the inter-linked, but too often fragmented realms of academy, policy and practice. At a time when the world is facing unprecedented peace and security challenges, I can only hope that this rare opportunity will help to position me as someone able to make a meaningful contribution to peacemaking policy and practice, informed by the latest, critical thinking on international conflict resolution theory. I owe deep thanks to Wolfson, and to all those who support its impressive mandate.





# YOUR BEQUEST TO WOLFSON

If you intend to make a difference to Wolfson's future by leaving a bequest, as a first step please complete the enclosed Bequest Response Form and return it to the Alumni and Development Office. Upon completion of the form, you will be invited to join the Syme Society.

**TYPE:** If you take the generous decision to make a bequest, there are four principal ways available to you, one of which should be specified in your Will:

- 1 **A Monetary Legacy** – A specific sum of your estate is left to the College.
- 2 **A Residuary Legacy** – A percentage of your residual estate after liabilities have been met is left to the College.
- 3 **A Specific Legacy** – A gift of something like jewellery, a painting, or stocks and shares is left to the College. ( We are happy to discuss with you during your lifetime)

- 4 **A Reversionary Legacy** – A life interest in your estate, left to a dependent or Beneficiary which upon their death reverts back to the College.

Whether making a new Will, amending your existing one or adding a Codicil, we do advise that you consult your legal adviser. If you wish to execute a Codicil (an addition to your existing will), please include the following words: 'In addition to any legacies given in my Will, I give to the President and Fellows of Wolfson College in the University of Oxford (amount or nature of legacy), to be used at their discretion, and I declare that a receipt from the President or Bursar shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors'

**TAX:** If you are a UK taxpayer, any legacy you leave to Wolfson is free of Inheritance Tax. We advise that you consult your legal adviser when amending your Will.

If you are an overseas taxpayer please consult the Wolfson College Alumni and Development Office for information on tax-efficient bequests.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** To find out more about leaving a bequest to Wolfson, please contact Dr Huw David by email: [alumni.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk) or telephone: +44 (0)1865 611041.



FUCHSIA HART

MPhil, Islamic Art & Archaeology

Now in my second year studying for an MPhil in Islamic Art and Archaeology, I feel very fortunate to be part of a community like the Wolfson one. Not only am I studying the subject I am passionate about but I have been given the opportunity to live in a green, peaceful corner of north Oxford, alongside a diverse collection of people, studying all sorts of fascinating topics, with captivating and fun events provided regularly right on our doorstep. As part of the Wolfson community I have had the opportunity to study in a world-class environment, row for my college, hear eminent individuals speak, attend a fabulous ball, and much more! Therefore I feel very lucky indeed, and am very grateful, to be receiving an Oxford-Wolfson-Marriot Graduate Scholarship. Without it, and of course the very generous donation made by the late Dr Francis Marriott, I simply would not have been able to continue my studies at post-graduate level and have all these wonderful experiences.



# THE SYME SOCIETY

The Syme Society has been established to commemorate one of Wolfson College's most distinguished Fellows and benefactors, Sir Ronald Syme. A prolific twentieth century academic, he was both knighted and received the Order of Merit for his services to classics.

Anyone who has pledged a bequest to Wolfson in their Will and notified the College of this, will be invited to join the Syme Society. This gives us an opportunity to thank those who have remembered Wolfson in their Will and each year, members of the Society and their spouses are invited to lunch at Wolfson.

## THE SYME REGISTER

When Wolfson receives your bequest, your gift and details will be inscribed into the unique Syme Register, unless of course, you wish your gift to remain anonymous.

# BEQUEST RESPONSE FORM

While your Will is a private document, if you do choose to inform us of your intention to make a bequest to Wolfson, it will give us the opportunity to thank you for your support and to ensure we fulfil your wishes long into the future.

## PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

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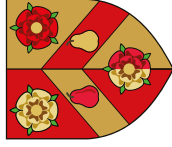
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Once completed, please detach and return this form to the Alumni and Development Office.

# MEMO TO SELF

To my solicitor

I wish to leave a legacy to Wolfson College.

It should be directed to the President and Fellows of Wolfson College, University of Oxford.



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**PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE:**

**Your Bequest**

- I have remembered Wolfson in my Will.
- I would like my bequest to remain anonymous.

**Keeping in Touch**

If you would like to hear about the wider news, events and campaigns relating to Wolfson

College, please let us know how:

By email:  Yes  No      By post:  Yes  No

The personal information you provide here will be used to provide you with further information and/or contact you in relation to leaving a legacy with Wolfson College. If you have provided your consent to receiving other communications from Wolfson College, then you will also be added to our general mailing list. You can opt out from receiving these communications at any time by clicking on the "Unsubscribe" link in the email or writing to us at: [alumni.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk) / Alumni and Development Office, **Wolfson College, Linton Rd, Oxford OX2 6UD**. Our full privacy policy is available at: <https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/wolfson-alumni-privacy-policy>



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