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Professor Dame Hermione Lee, 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.
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.
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 to the Development Office. Upon completion of this form, you will be invited to join the Syme Society.

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

1. **A Specific Legacy** – A specific sum, a particular asset (or set of assets) or a percentage of your estate is left to the College.

2. **A Residuary Legacy** – A proportion or all of your residual estate after liabilities have been met, is left to the College. This Legacy automatically provides for inflation, in addition to protecting against any erosion of your estate.

3. **A Reversionary Legacy** – A life interest in your estate, left to a dependent or Beneficiary (often one’s spouse), 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: ‘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 both Capital Gains and Inheritance Tax. We advise that you consult your legal adviser when amending your Will regarding the consequences arising from including Wolfson College in it.

If you are a US taxpayer, please consult the Wolfson College Development Office for information on tax-efficient bequests.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** To find out more about leaving a bequest to Wolfson, please contact the Development Office by email: development.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk or telephone: +44 (0)1865 611041.
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-Marriott 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.
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