Become a Friend of Hertford
Dear Friend,

Hertford brings together the best that Oxford has to offer. A welcoming college that has maintained an ongoing commitment to fair access for all. A strong community that supports students and academics in their study, stimulating them to pursue their subject to the greatest potential. And a lively, engaging environment where college members are encouraged to question the status quo and challenge the world around them. We prepare our students for the world beyond Hertford, whatever that might look like.

As well as those living and working at the college, Hertford also benefits from a wider community of alumni, friends and supporters. In order to recognise non-alumni who would like to establish and maintain a link with Hertford, we have created the Friends of Hertford group.

We aim to build a relationship with members of this group that mirrors the strength of the relationship we have with our alumni community. Friends of Hertford receive our publications and invitations to our events. As a member, you will be welcomed into the college and we hope that you will feel moved to support our work.

We very much hope you’ll join this vibrant community and become a friend to the college.

Will Hutton
Principal
225 postgraduates
25 Emeritus Fellows
24 Honorary Fellows
45 Fellows
8,893 alumni
56 Friends of Hertford
400 undergraduates

Why does Hertford need to fundraise?

It costs about £9.5 million to run Hertford each year. As well as salaries for teaching staff and support staff, our expenses range from maintaining the buildings to paying the utility bills. We deliberately keep accommodation and catering charges for junior members low.

About 20% of our income comes from fees. Although they go some way towards covering the teaching costs, it costs Hertford much more than that to educate each student – the shortfall is £3,000 to £4,000 for each undergraduate. That shortfall is funded by income from summer conferences, donations, and income from the college’s endowment.

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**Income**

- Undergraduate tuition fees
- Graduate fees
- HEFCE and research income
- Accommodation and catering
- Summer school and conferences
- Investment income
- Legacies and donations

**Expenditure**

- University contribution
- Teaching and support staff
- Building and Infrastructure
- Catering
- Student Support
- Library
- External teaching
- Summer school and conferences
- Management fees

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**Undergraduates**

- 66% state
- 34% independent

**Graduate subjects**

- 18% Humanities
- 17% Medical Sciences
- 31% Maths, Physical & Life Sciences
- 32% Social Sciences
- 2% Continuing Education

**Undergraduate subjects**

- 66% Medical Sciences
- 34% Humanities

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**Gender Balance**

- Undergraduate:
  - **Female**: 55%
  - **Male**: 45%

- Postgraduate:
  - **Female**: 45%
  - **Male**: 55%

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**Teaching Fellows**

- 32% Humanities
- 10% Medical Sciences
- 29% Maths, Physical & Life Sciences
- 29% Social Sciences

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**UK and EU students**

- Undergraduate:
  - **Female**: 88%
  - **Male**: 12%

- Postgraduate:
  - **Female**: 54%
  - **Male**: 46%
We asked our alumni what words they associated with Hertford College – you might be surprised by some of the things they said!

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Publications
Friends of Hertford will receive the college’s Development Office publications. This includes the Hertford College Magazine, a record of the college’s year published in Michaelmas term, and the Hertford College News, a newsletter published twice yearly.

Events
Friends of Hertford will be invited to alumni events. A full list of our events can be found at www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/events.

Visiting the college
Friends of Hertford have the same visiting rights as alumni. OB Quad and the Chapel can be visited Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm and on Saturdays between 2pm and 4pm. Please contact the Porters’ Lodge in advance to let them know when you would like to visit.

Friends of Hertford wishing to visit other parts of the college may be able to do so accompanied by a member of the Development Office. The Development Office is open Monday to Friday, 9am until 5pm. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a short tour.

Cost
Membership is £50. This covers up to two people living at the same address for five years. The price of ticketed events will be at the same rate that we charge our alumni. The cost of membership has been set at £50 for five years to cover the publication and event costs for additional members; however we do hope that Friends might be persuaded to support Hertford by making donations as well!

How to join
Please complete and return the enclosed membership form, or contact the Development Office (01865 279428 or development.office@hertford.ox.ac.uk) for more information.

The benefits of being a Friend of Hertford

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A history of Hertford College

Over the centuries, Hertford has often been the underdog, making the most of scant resources to create outstanding academic results.

- **1312** Hart Hall is purchased in 1312 by Walter de Stapledon, Bishop of Exeter, who wishes to found a college. However in 1314, Stapledon moves his scholars to a larger site on Turl Street, which later becomes Exeter College.

- **1348** Hertford College begins life as Hart Hall, with the purchase of the present-day Hertford site by property speculator Elias de Hertford.

- **1354** Hertford College is constructed as lodgings for the Principal. The entrance of the Hall is moved from New College Lane to the main gate on Catte Street.

- **1710-1740** Richard Newton becomes Principal of Hart Hall. Newton finances the construction of new buildings, at a cost of £2,000, in the south-east corner of Old Quad (what is now ‘the cottage’) and a stone chapel on the south side (now the library). In 1740, Newton succeeds in reverting Hart Hall to Hertford College.

- **1780-1820** Magdalen Hall burns down following an undergraduate supper party. Magdalen Hall’s members, under Principal John Macbride, move into the Hart Hall site. The Catte Street frontage is rebuilt and two new blocks are constructed either side of the main entrance to the college.

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- **1907** The ‘Hertford Scheme’ (also known as the ‘Tanner Scheme’) is introduced to attract students from non-fee-paying schools.

- **1920** Hertford College becomes one of the first five all male colleges to admit women.

- **1950** The Graduate Centre opens by Folly Bridge, creating 85 additional rooms.

- **1975** Holywell Quad is built, creating 70 additional student rooms, the Junior Common Room and the Bar.

The Bridge of Sighs was constructed in 1913, linking Old and New Quads.

In 1960 Hertford had 12 Fellows and 2 staircases with running water.

Banker Thomas Baring, encouraged by Richard Michell, gives money to enable the re-foundation of Hertford College on the Catte Street site. Michell becomes the last Principal of Magdalen Hall and the first Principal of the refounded Hertford College.

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