Dear Freshers,

Welcome to Hertford College!

We’re the Development Team – you can find us in OBI/12. Most of our work revolves around the alumni community but there are a few things which involve you as students that you might want to know about while you’re here.

In February, we organise the Freshers’ Family Lunch, which is for new JCR and MCR students. It’s a chance for you to share some of the Hertford experience with your parents or loved ones. It also marks the starting point of our relationship with you. The Development Office is here to build a permanent connection between students and the college which we hope will flourish throughout the rest of your life. After graduating, you will be a member of our alumni community and will be invited back to gaudies (reunion dinners), drinks receptions and other events, which we organise so you can stay in touch with the college and your classmates forever.

As well as looking after the Hertford alumni community, we also focus on fundraising. Student Support is one of the most popular funds that alumni like to give to because of the difference it makes to individuals. Hertford gives out over 100 means-tested bursaries of £1,000 every year; most of these bursaries are funded by donations from alumni. Hertford offers hardship funds for students who find themselves in difficult financial situations; these are funded by donations as well. We also raise money for teaching and research, maintaining the college buildings and facilities, and pretty much anything else college-related that you can think of!
There are plenty of opportunities for paid work in the Development Office outside of term time. We employ student callers to chat to our alumni in our annual two week telethons to raise funds for Student Support and our other priorities. Telethons are a great thing to do because we try and match you with people who have studied your subject so you can ask them for career advice – and it looks great on your CV. If you miss the opportunity to become a caller don’t worry, we also hire students to help us with events or data work in the office sometimes so pop in and let us know if you’d like to get involved.

You can keep up to date with what’s going on around the college on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. We also produce the Hertford College Magazine and Hertford College News – so if you’ve got some news you’d like us to publish and share amongst the alumni community, get in touch.

We look forward to meeting you!

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