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DONOR CHARTER

Our community of Old Members and donors has transformed the College over the centuries. Univ has gone from strength to strength, funding new scholarships and Fellowships, enhancing and expanding our buildings, leading the University in access and student support, and now anticipating a truly transformational development in the north of Oxford.

This Donor Charter outlines how we, as a College, plan to engage with our community. For more information, visit the Donor Charter page at www.univ.ox.ac.uk/DonorCharter.

Thank you for everything you have done for Univ.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR DONORS

Whether you have given to teaching and research, student life, student support, or College buildings, we want to let you know how important your gifts truly are.

- All donors will continue to appear in the Donor Roll in the College Record (unless otherwise requested), with a story in the *Martlet* acknowledging, in particular, our long-standing donors.
- At the end of the academic year, donors who have helped fund a **scholarship, bursary, JRF or Fellowship** will receive a letter from the Senior Tutor, accompanied with an update on the activity of the beneficiary.
- Those giving to other causes, whether **student support, access or general funds** will receive an update on the impact of their gift.
- Beginning in 2021, recent and major donors will be invited to the very first Univ Donor Day. This event will be an opportunity for donors to see the impact of their gifts over a wide range of College life.

OUR DONOR EVENTS

Donor events are a chance for the College to give back to our community. To keep the programme fresh, our events will change over the coming years. For a few examples of what we are planning and will continue to offer, see below.

The 1249 Reception: this reception will alternate annually with other events in College.

William of Durham Day: taking place in spring, all members of the William of Durham Club and potential legators are invited.

Lifetime Giving Events:

- **Major Benefactors** will be invited to a special event, such as a dinner following one of our regular events.
- **Principal Benefactors** will be invited to the Feast of St Simon and St Jude in autumn, as well as the Major Benefactors' dinner.
- **Foundation Fellows** will be invited to the Feast of St Cuthbert in spring, as well as the Major Benefactors' dinner and the Feast of St Simon and St Jude.

For more on our program of events, see the College website over the following months.

GIVING CLUBS

Alongside the administrative changes detailed below, we are also conducting a review of our giving clubs. All changes will come into effect on the 1st August 2023.

1249 SOCIETY

The qualification amounts for our annual giving club (the 1249 Society) have been the same for nearly seven years. We would like these amounts to remain consistent with the rising costs of student support, tuition and academic research. Our donors have also highlighted the jump in qualification amounts between the under 30s (£124.90 per year) to the over 30s (£1,249.00 per year). In 2023, we will therefore make two changes:

1. Raise the qualification amount for the three current groups of donors.
2. Introduce a new age group, 30-35, at the level of £500.00 a year.

The qualification amounts for the 1249 Society will therefore change in 2023 accordingly:

Recent Leavers	from £12.49 per year	to £20.00 per year
Under 30	from £124.90 per year	to £200.00 per year
30 – 35	-	to £500.00 per year
35 and above	from £1,249.00 per year	to £2,000.00 per year

MAJOR GIVING CLUBS

Our major giving clubs bring together those who have made substantial contributions to the College over their lives. Currently, our Major Benefactor's Society has the same qualification levels as the University's Vice-Chancellor's Circle. In order to develop a more distinct Univ package, we will be moving the boundary between our Major Benefactors' Society and our Principal Benefactors' Society. This change will come into effect in 2023. Note that donors will not 'drop out' of the Principal Benefactors' Society. Until 2023, any donor reaching the current qualification level will become a member of the Principal Benefactors' Society for life.

The qualification amounts for our Major Giving Clubs will therefore change in 2023 accordingly:

The Foundation Fellowship	will remain at £1 million lifetime giving	
The Principal Benefactors' Society	from £250,000 to £999,999	to £500,000 to £999,999
The Major Benefactors' Society	from £25,000 to £249,999	to £25,000 to £499,999

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

In 2021, we will be making a few changes to our Direct Debit procedures. These changes are aimed towards improving efficiency and lowering operational costs.

Currently, we process Direct Debits on the **1st** and **15th** of the month.
In 2021, we will process Direct Debits only once a month, on the **15th**.

Currently, we ask for a **four-year regular gift**, and ask for renewal at the end of that period.
For your convenience, we will move to asking for **open-ended regular gifts** as of 2021.

We would encourage all donors to make these changes now. To do so, please complete the enclosed sheet and return it to the address on the envelope provided.