

THANK YOU





## THANK YOU FROM THE MASTER

Our 150th Anniversary Campaign has concluded with our target met. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over £23 million. Fantastic!



The Campaign began under my predecessor, Professor Robert Lethbridge, and ends as I conclude my time as Master. It is the culmination of two masterships and a moment of celebration in the College's history. We are very grateful for your contributions to the dynamic, vibrant and evolving Fitzwilliam College community.

We must continue to build on the successes of the Campaign. Fundraising is needed quite as much now as it was in the last 10 years. First, buildings. The Central Building, under the distinctive Lasdun Lantern Roof, is in great need of refurbishment and the student accommodation 'upgrades' are ongoing. Both capital projects need huge financial support.

Secondly, student bursaries are ever more important to ensure we can remain steadfast to our founding ethos of fair access, while providing the academic and pastoral support needed for the undergraduate and graduate students striving for the excellence we desire and demand.

I want to take this opportunity to wish my successor, Baroness Sally Morgan, a fair wind in her new role. These are challenging times for education, but the community of Fitzwilliam is our strength. Working together we can continue to thrive and excel. Thank you to all who have supported us – each and every gift has made an impact – and to all those who have volunteered their time, notably members of the Campaign Council and its chair Lord Norman Lamont. I am proud of the progress made; I will be prouder still if this is just a historical marker in the further growth of the College!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicola Padfield". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Professor Nicola Padfield**

Master, Fitzwilliam College 2013–2019

# OPPORTUNITY, FAIR ACCESS AND OUTREACH

Fitzwilliam has a proud history of encouraging applications from all students who show academic potential, regardless of social, economic or educational background. Throughout the Campaign, donations have transformed our access and widening participation work – thank you!

Much has changed since the establishment of the Non-Collegiate Students Board in 1869, but many of the challenges faced by students remain the same. Social inequality, tuition fees, barriers perceived or actual: all of these persist. Here at Fitzwilliam we have always spoken proudly of our commitment to excellence and openness.

And thanks to the increasing financial support shown by donors to this area during the Campaign, our words have translated into a spend of now over £100,000 per year on outreach. This need will only increase, and we are extremely grateful to those of you who have committed future funds to this area.



Fitzwilliam House on Trumpington Street is the former home of what is now Fitzwilliam College.

The University's Area Links Scheme enables the Cambridge Colleges to build effective, coherent relationships with schools and colleges across the UK. Our work is balanced between raising academic aspirations in the widest sense, and encouraging the very brightest students to apply to university, and to Fitzwilliam! The College is linked to Cheshire, Cumbria and the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. This year, there were nine applicants to Fitzwilliam from these regions.

Our Schools Liaison Officer, a full-time position for the past seven years, has engaged with almost 2,500 pupils from more than 70 schools in 2018-19. Of the 73 schools engaged with, 69 were state schools, while 40 were outside our link areas as we broaden our horizons.

Financial support from alumni underpins all these activities. It has also helped us to work in tandem with charities such as The Sutton Trust and The Brilliant Club, as well as to develop our own initiatives directly with schools. Sharing what Fitzwilliam has to offer is having an impact. Subject taster days, summer schools, mentoring schemes and essay competitions raise awareness and open doors to all applicants. Following our open days for 2019-20 applications, 18% of attendees applied directly to Fitzwilliam.



Smiling Fitzwilliam students prepare to welcome prospective students to an open day.



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Many students require financial support during their time at Fitzwilliam, and we are grateful to donors whose gifts have funded bursaries and scholarships.

During the Campaign, over a third of our undergraduates have required some financial support. We could not have helped them without you – thank you!

**£54,630**

Average student debt after a 3-year undergraduate degree

**£2.7m**

raised specifically for student bursaries and scholarships during the Campaign

**£713,000**

spent last year to support students at Fitzwilliam

**1150**

financial awards were made to students last year

**26**

first-year undergraduates currently receive a full Cambridge bursary of £3,500

**1371**

donors to student support since the start of the Campaign



Throughout the Campaign, donors have enabled us to transform our teaching provision in a number of subjects. Thanks to you, additional support has been given to:

Architecture • Classics • Economics • Engineering • English • Geography • Law • Mathematics • Medical Sciences • Veterinary Medical Sciences • Natural Sciences • Theology and Religious Studies

And thanks to donors, we are now able to celebrate the outstanding academic achievement of our students with **Prizes and Scholarships** in all but seven subjects.

Thousands of donations over the course of the Campaign have been made to enrich the student experience here at Fitzwilliam: sports bursaries, travel and research awards, language courses, music scholarships. Nearly £1 million has been added to the **Student Opportunities Fund** – mainly through regular gifts to the Telephone Campaigns – and 142 awards were made last year.

# TEACHING AND RESEARCH



**Dr Emma Lees**

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**Peter and Audrey Wilson  
Fellow in Land Economy**

Emma's research interests are centred around property and environmental law, looking particularly at land use and the protection of habitats. In addition to her own research, she supervises and lectures on land, environmental, and landlord and tenant law, as well as supervising a range of both MPhil and PhD dissertations. The Wilson family have also funded MPhil and PhD scholarships for students in Land Economy.



**Professor Mike Kenny**

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**Public Policy**

Mike is director of the newly established Bennett Institute for Public Policy, and heads one of its major research programmes – on the importance of 'place' to public policy. He has taught and researched extensively in the fields of British politics and public policy, and has a particular interest in the politics of national identity and issues of governance and constitution. Support from alumni here at Fitz has led to the creation of PhD scholarships in public policy, with the first of these awards due to be taken up next year.



**Dr Anna Watson**

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**Peter Selman Fellow  
in Economics**

Anna's principal research interests are in the areas of open-economy macroeconomics, monetary economics and international trade. Her recent work focuses on the impact of global economic integration on price rigidities and the effects of financial frictions on business cycle fluctuations and international trade. Significant support for economics at Fitzwilliam has both created research opportunities for Anna and ensured excellent teaching provision for generations of economists to come.



**Aisha Sobey**

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**LKY Scholar  
in Architecture**

The current MCR President, Aisha completed an MPhil in International Relations and Politics at Fitzwilliam before being awarded a LKY Kuok PhD Scholarship to continue her work focusing on smart cities as the intersection of technology, society and power, specifically Singapore. Aisha aims to understand how technology and data influences the way we live and the implications for equality, opportunity, privacy, human rights and quality of life.



From field trips to support undergraduate projects, to fully funded PhDs and early career academic research, donors have helped Fitzwilliam grow as a proud centre of learning and research. The following represent a small selection of the subjects that have received support:



**Dr Rachel Camina**

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**Leathersellers' Teaching Fellow in Maths**

Fitzwilliam's relationship with the Leathersellers dates back to 1894, and their support of our activities has been broad and evolving. There are currently four Leathersellers' Graduate Scholars working on a wide range of topics, and our current Teaching Fellow is Rachel, who specialises in group theory. She is also Director of Studies of Mathematics. Next year, Rachel will be a participant on a six-month programme at the Newton Institute entitled: *Groups, representation and applications: new perspectives*. She also plans to travel to Milan and Valencia to work with collaborators.



**Engineering**

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**Fitzwilliam engineers**

This Campaign has seen two transformational gifts to Engineering that will support both the teaching and research of the subject in perpetuity. Engineering is thriving at Fitzwilliam, and the exceptional support that it has received from two donors now guarantees that this will always be the case.



**Sana Kidwai**

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**Charlton Scholar**

Graduate research funding, particularly for one-year courses, is scarce and many excellent students are unable to continue their studies. Thanks to donor generosity, Fitzwilliam is leading the way with creative matching schemes, leveraging smaller awards through targeted support. One beneficiary is Sana, who is looking at Hindi-Urdu syntax in the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, and was awarded a Charlton scholarship last year. This year, she has won a prestigious Harding Scholarship, and she will continue her research next year in a PhD, here at Fitzwilliam.



**Dr Sara Owen**

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**Classics**

The study of Classics involves the study of both Latin and Greek languages to a high standard. Many Classics students arrive with little or no Latin and Greek, and learn from scratch when they arrive. Even those with A level Latin need a high level of support to help them to achieve the standards demanded by the course. Thanks to donors' support, our Classics Director of Studies, Sara – also Admissions Tutor for the Arts – is able to offer additional weekly one-to-one language teaching to all Part I students. She can also supply large dictionaries and grammars to all Fitzwilliam students studying this subject.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS AND **BUILDINGS**

We are immensely proud of our College buildings and gardens, and funds raised by this Campaign have brought restoration, refurbishment and exciting new additions to our architectural landscape.

Most dramatic have been the beautiful Olisa Library – a light, warm, welcoming and comfortable space for students to work and think – and the long-awaited extension to the MCR in The Grove. Both are the direct consequence of alumni generosity, and their impact on the whole College has been tremendous.

As this Campaign ends, we have completed the refurbishment of three staircases of undergraduate student accommodation: A, B and C have been entirely remodelled to include communal areas and accessible ground-floor rooms. Access extends far beyond outreach and bursaries, and our long-term ambition to improve the quality of our student accommodation is moving forward. Without donor support, these improvements would have been, and will be, impossible. Thank you.

Lasdun's Central Building (1960–1963) with its iconic Lantern Roof has required significant refurbishment and restoration. After the move of the library to its new home in 2010, the space vacated was transformed into two multi-purpose function rooms, Upper Halls 1&2. In 2017, thanks to alumni donations and a grant from the Headley Trust, the roof was entirely renovated. We turn now to the renovation of the remaining rooms on the upper floor and the creation of a gallery – exciting times ahead!

Images (clockwise from top):  
the spiral staircase in The Olisa Library;  
the MCR extension to The Grove; accommodation  
has been remodelled in A, B and C staircases.





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