



THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST'S

COVID-19 Appeal



Moving into the 'New Normal'

Over the past two years, in answer to the issues of the pandemic, we have been focussed on one particular pillar of our Campaign: *Enhancing College Life*, with the goal of making our students' Cambridge experience as normal as possible, even with government restrictions.

We have also ensured that staff can work safely and comfortably, both in Lockdown and out of it, to continue delivering the high standard of education the College prides itself on. This work was funded from our General Annual Funds, a source of expendable income that can be used to meet Christ's priorities as and when they emerge. We are now asking for your support, so that we can continue to do this throughout this Academic year, and beyond.



Protecting the College Community

Through Lockdown, and beyond, our top priority has been the safety of everyone who lives and works on the Christ's site. From shopping for those who were self-isolating, to purchasing masks and other PPE, our focus has been keeping communal and private spaces COVID-19 secure.

Even in the last month, we gave students resources and room to quarantine before Michaelmas term started, if they came back to College from red list countries, so that they could participate fully in their studies when these began.



Making the Shift Online

One of the biggest changes that COVID-19 triggered was making education, and much of everyday life, virtual. For this reason, the College focussed funding on ensuring our students, and staff, could engage with every part of the Christ's experience remotely.

Indeed, an additional £44,000 was invested into our servers, so that the College internet could handle the increased pressure from these changes. Further, we expanded the Digital Gateway grants over 2020–21, awarding forty-six in total, expanding the University initiative.

Two marquees in Second Court, put up for Graduations and Matriculations, to ensure these vital events could continue safely.



£25,708 spent on student computer facilities in the 2020–21 Financial Year.



Every member of staff on furlough received their full pay – the College topping up the 20% not provided by the government.



£80,000 a year for both 2020 and 2021 provided for counselling, compared to £50,000 in 2019 – a 60% increase.



As the College's income has dropped by £2.7 million since the pandemic began, it will be your support that allows us to continue to advance, and expand, our charitable aims.

Making a difference

The past eighteen months have been some of the toughest in recent memory for Christ's – but also a time that I felt most proud of our College community, and how every member, old and new, has pulled together to support each other.



Indeed, 'Once a member of Christ's, always a member of Christ's' is a saying I use often, and nothing has brought this home more clearly than the manner in which alumni have responded to this unprecedented crisis. From the overwhelming generosity displayed in the Telephone Campaign, to the kind messages and pledges we have received from across the globe, it

is truly heartening to see the commitment to the College's goals and future through this difficult time.

Now, I ask you to consider making a gift to support our students as they continue, and in some cases begin, their education here this Michaelmas term, so that we can ensure the newest generation of our Christ's community can thrive here, as those before them have.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Stapleton".

Professor Jane Stapleton

'It was amazing that, despite COVID restrictions, some of our supervisors managed to organise in-person teaching. They have been so lovely and motivated to meet us in person and keep an eye on our safety and comfort.'

Andrzej (m. 2021)

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