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INCOME £ (000s)

| Academic | 2,526 |
| Domestic (inc. Conferences) | 3,322 |
| Investments | 3,427 |
| Revenue Gifts | 575 |
| Other | 194 |
| **Total** | **9,984** |

Non-revenue Gifts 1,317

EXPENDITURE £ (000s)

| Academic | 2,149 |
| Student Support | 473 |
| Domestic (inc. Conferences) | 4,618 |
| Loan Interest | 242 |
| Overheads + Development | 2,714 |
| **Total** | **9,866**

INCOME vs EXPENDITURE COLLEGE FINANCES 2014-15
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Academic: 2,526
Domestic (inc. Conferences): 3,322
Investments: 3,427
Revenue Gifts: 577
Other: 194
Total: 9,984
Non-revenue Gifts: 1,777

EXPENDITURE £ (000s)

Academic: 2,149
Student Support: 473
Domestic (inc. Conferences): 4,618
Loan Interest: 412
Overheads + Development: 2,214
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Your Impact on Brasenose College

UNDERGRADUATE ROOM

“The bursaries I have received have enabled me to pursue my creative and academic interests without the constant pangs that I might not make ends meet. More than that, it allows me to feel included in all of Oxford’s wonderful opportunities without worrying about financial issues outside of my control. I cannot even fully articulate my gratitude for everyone who makes my time at Brasenose possible.”

Markus Beekers

LECTURE ROOM

Historian and student telephone campaign caller, Emily, was offered work experience with the enticing department of the Bodleian over the Long Vacation. At the end of her second year, she jumped at the opportunity of learning how she could use her studies once she graduates from Brasenose. Emily applied to the Annual Fund for support to cover the costs of her daily commute from home to Oxford. She thanks donors for enabling her to undertake this internship.

“Without the financial grant which helped cover the costs of my daily commute, I simply wouldn’t have been able to accept this internship. I feel really privileged that I have been able to make the most of the opportunities offered by Oxford, and that the Brasenose community has been so supportive. I have come to regard this city as home and it is with your help that I am able to jump at every opportunity offered here.”

Since finishing her internship, she has a much better idea of the careers open to History graduates and looks forward to using her experience at the Bodleian in her final year and onward career.

Emily Bowley

UNDERGRADUATE ROOM

First years, Rachel and Ben, where supported by the Annual Fund to investigate the refugee situation in Denmark. They travelled to a tiny village called Ræhr, where a school has been converted into a learning centre for asylum-seekers. While there, they joined a class for those who had recently been granted refugee status by the government.

“Asylum seekers had Wi-Fi and heating, and there were activities to pass the time. We all had the same questions of where we could see the sights, and it was surprising to hear that in the refugee centre, the residents simply lay in their beds all day. As a result, the town had little to offer to the outside world. However, the residents were able to handle their time outside of the centre, and they seemed to be happy with their situation.”

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HCR

Thanks to the generosity of Annual Fund donors, Kartika (MSc International Health and Tropical Medicine) spent two months in Laos undertaking a systematic review on the quality of antidiabetic medicine within the Oxford Tropical Network. In 2015, it is estimated that there were 415 million people affected by diabetes worldwide, and in 2040 it is expected to rise to 642 million. The quality of medicine varies dramatically across the world, with the proportion of counterfeit medicine reaching over 50% of the circulating medicine in developing countries. A worrying statistic.

Thanks to the support of Brasenose donors, Kartika got the chance to be involved with the unit’s activity, learning how to conduct ground-breaking research and how to make a real difference to public health in the developing world. She says: “It taught me that, even when resource is limited, we can still undertake good quality research as long as we are creative.”

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JCR

Milo Smith represents Oxford in the annual Varsity Ski Races against Cambridge in Val Thorens. Milo thanks the Annual Fund for his financial support of my ski racing, without which my personal ambition of competing with the Oxford Blues would not have been possible.

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LIBRARY

Brasenose College’s historic library was designed in the sixteenth century to house 2,300 books and to be used by 28 Fellows. Today, the original space is required to serve over 60 Fellows, 150 students and 60,000 books.

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