Every college has a Welfare Officer and a College Counsellor who are only ever an email away. Because at Worcester both are in-college, approaching them can perhaps feel less intimidating, and I’ve had amazing experiences with my college’s Welfare Officer – who has singlehandedly approached my Tutors when I’ve felt unable to ask for extensions, and has helped me fill in tricky and scary forms that I’d been procrastinating on for way too long.

I’m not going to lie – Oxford is fantastic, and I’d choose it every time, but it’s intense and doesn’t always leave space for things to go wrong – and sometimes life does go a bit wrong! But having a strong welfare system in place helps catch you when you fall and makes sure you can build yourself back up – stronger and more resilient this time, and more ready for what life (and uni) throws at you.”

Chika Ganesh (2017, Law)

Thank you for your support

Thank you for considering a gift to the College; we warmly welcome and encourage participation at any level. Each gift to the Worcester Fund makes an immediate impact on the lives of our students, academics, and staff.

All supporters are invited to our annual Benefactors’ Garden Party in College which takes place on Saturday 13th June 2020 and are asked for their permission to have their names included in the annual Donor Report.

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Unrestricted donations give the College the most flexibility to respond appropriately to the areas of greatest need however, you are welcome to direct your gift to an area that is of particular interest to you. Areas of support include Scholarships and Bursaries, Outreach and Access, Student Hardship, Student Welfare, and Buildings Gardens and Grounds. We hope you will consider making a pledge today to support your College.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Worcester again soon.

Coleen Day
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scholarships and bursaries
For many students the excitement and anticipation of acceptance at Worcester is tempered by the knowledge that their time at Oxford will be one of considerable financial challenge. We are committed to encouraging the brightest students to apply to Worcester, irrespective of financial circumstances. In the last financial year one in four of our undergraduate students received a bursary award.

outreach and access
The College has recently set ambitious targets for changing the shape of the undergraduate student intake, and is engaged in a wide variety of initiatives to support these ambitions. Full details of current activities can be found at www.worc.ox.ac.uk/applying/access-and-outreach including Think Big, our mentoring scheme for school students in years 8 to 11, which works to raise aspirations in areas of socio-economic disadvantage. Worcester is a full participant in the University’s new bridging programme to support incoming students from disadvantaged backgrounds, Opportunity Oxford, and we are developing our own strategies for making best use of all the contextual data available in the admissions process.

To support these activities we have a dedicated Access and Outreach Officer and our new Tinsley Outreach Fellow who, along with the Tutor for Admissions, work to devise and deliver our Outreach and Access programme.

student hardship
The College is committed to supporting students who encounter unforeseen financial difficulties and to ensuring that their academic work and their welfare is not adversely affected by financial hardship. Wherever possible we offer support through the College’s Hardship Fund, to which all Worcester students may apply.

student welfare
The well-being of our students is extremely important to us, and we are dedicated to ensuring that support is available to anyone who needs it. Our College Welfare Officer is a first point of contact and can direct students towards the most appropriate support – including the Dean team, Peer supporters, the College nurse, the College Counsellor, the College doctor, the Chaplain, or wider University support such as the Disability Service.

buildings, garden and grounds
Gifts made to the Worcester Fund have helped to contribute to the upkeep and renovation of the College’s Buildings, ancient and modern, and allow us to continually upgrade facilities and infrastructure in a way which is sympathetic both to the needs of our students, academics and staff, and the unique environment in which they study, research and work.

Our gardens and grounds continue to be the envy of all Oxford.