Dear Antonians,

We have just said goodbye to the last of our students heading home for the long vacation, as we come to the end of another Trinity term. It has been a busy year, as ever, for the College, and it is been great to see our students and Fellows achieving so much, both in and out of the College.

Perhaps the biggest news from St Antony’s is that we have been granted planning permission to carry out urgent and major renovations on the Hilda Besse Building.

The Hilda Besse will be closed for two years from September onwards to allow for a comprehensive restoration. It has the unusual distinction of being the only building in Oxford, which is both listed and condemned. You can read more about the project below and [our website](#), and we would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

We are always delighted to share news of all that our alumni have been getting up to, and you can read below about what Antonians have been achieving across the world. We also bring you news of our upcoming Gaudy Weekend, the great work carried out by recipients of Antonian Fund Grants, and more.

All the best from Woodstock Road, and wishing you an excellent summer,

Helen, Martyn, Nadia and Wouter
The Development Team

**Alumni updates**

Our alumni and members go on to achieve incredible things, and make a real impact around the world. Each newsletter, we like to celebrate these achievements. If you have any updates for us, please contact alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk

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**Hilda Besse Building**

Our single biggest project over the coming two years will be the renovation of the Hilda Besse. The Building will be closed from September 2019 to allow these works, and a temporary structure will serve its functions until the project is complete, which is expected to be in 2021.

The plans intend not only to bring the Building back into working order, but to improve and bring it up-to-date with 21st century needs. Reconfiguration of the internal space will
allow us to install a new lift, add extra rooms for teaching and dining, and improve and increase the number of washrooms, and make them accessible. We will also be making the Building more environmentally friendly, and installing original features making it more true to the original design.

We will keep you up-to-date every start of term through an ongoing photography documentary on our website, which will show the progress of the renovation as well as how it is impacting College life.

The good news is that great progress has been made towards funding for the project as the College has secured around £5 million towards a total £9 million cost. We are approaching various trusts and foundations, and we look forward to be talking with the worldwide Antonian community to help us reach the final goal.

Should you wish to contribute to the project, please click here. There are a number of naming opportunities. You can find these at the bottom of the campaign page of our website. Wouter te Klooze, the Development Director, is very happy to discuss these with you. He can be contacted at wouter.tekloeze@sant.ox.ac.uk. If you have questions about the project or wish to receive a brochure, please send an email to alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Hilda Besse once again when works are completed.

In the meantime, as an Antonian you are entitled to attend a free High Table Dinner every year. These take place on Tuesdays and Fridays during term in the temporary structure, which the students are aptly calling the ‘Hilda Box’. You can book High Table by sending a message to alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.
Gaudy Weekend

We are looking forward to welcoming alumni who were at St Antony’s in the 50s, 60s, and 70s back to College for a special Gaudy Weekend. This will take place 21st-22nd September, and coincide with the University’s ‘Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend’. The Gaudy will include talks by Professor Sir Richard Evans and Dr Christine Nicholls, High Table Dinner, and an Afternoon Tea. Please click here to see the full programme of events and to book your place.

If you would be interested in getting in touch with any of your peers in advance of the event, please let us know and we will do our best to help. We would be grateful if you could please pass news of the event on to any Antonians you know who may have lost touch with the College. We hope to see lots of you there! If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to send them to us at alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.
Sports update

The Boat Club have a full report on Trinity Term, including Summer VIIIs.

The St Antony's Men's Basketball Team won the finals of the Oxford College Basketball Championship, beating Wadham College 39-33. In the team were Antonians, Jonathon Madison, Owen Henkel, Ollie Ballinger, Bill de la Rosa, Tirso Virgós Varela, Robert Gorwa and Michael Wu and Pascal. Members from other colleges who joined the college team were Robert Delfeld, Kevin Coakley, Philipp Schreiber, and Ammar Plumber.

Big Congratulations to the entire team on their victory!

College Podcasts

Podcasts are available for a range of our events this past term, from all of our centres, with more being added daily.

There are talks, seminars, lectures, book launches - as if you were joining us here on Woodstock Road.
Antonian Fund

It has been a fantastic year for the Antonian Fund, and we would like to thank all our alumni who have made this possible. The Fund is exclusively financed by donations from alumni and friends of the College, and has an enormous impact on student life.

This year we have been able to support a typically varied range of projects, from conferences and research groups, to sports clubs and societies, as well as a growing number of initiatives designed to support the general well-being of our students.

One project we supported was the Oxford Middle East Review (OMER), a student-run journal based at St Antony’s, and founded by our students. They were granted an award of just £150, which helped them with printing costs for the third edition of the journal. These were presented at a launch event at the Middle East Centre. The OMER Committee would like us to extend their thanks to donors to the Antonian Fund.

Another project we have funded this year is the GCR’s second annual Mental Health Awareness Week. This was a full programme of events to coincide with the national awareness-raising effort. Featured events included a workshop by the charity RESTORE on anxiety, a talk on ‘Body Image and Positivity’, and various yoga and craft sessions designed to help students achieve a healthy work-life balance. The GCR Welfare Team organised these events to encourage engagement with mental health issues, and to help equip our students for useful skills and knowledge for dealing with them. This very full programme benefitted from a grant of £4000 from the Antonian Fund.

These are just two highlights of a rather busy year; if you’d like to see a full list of every project, society, and club we have supported, you can see it on our website here.

In addition to these project specific grants, we have awarded a huge number of travel and research grants to our students. At a college specialising in area studies, it is key that we
can offer equal research opportunities to all our students. Undertaking fieldwork, visiting an archive, or speaking at a conference can be very important for the studies and early careers of our students, so we are delighted to be able to help them.

Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated, and can have crucial impact on the lives of students at St Antony’s. Our thanks again to all of you who have chosen to support the Antonian community in this way. If you have any questions about the Antonian Fund, please get in touch with our Development Officer Helen on helen.mccombie@sant.ox.ac.uk. If you would like to donate to the Antonian Fund, you can follow the link below to make a quick and simple online donation.

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