Bob Skelly, English, 1965

“Receiving a Hardship Grant from College at the end of my second year was a crucial factor in me being able to continue into my third year. Family circumstances meant I could not study at home out of term. The grant facilitated an extended stay in Oxford, allowing me to prepare for the next term, which I would have been unable to complete in my parental home due to personal reasons.

The support from college provided me with the peace of mind that I would be able to balance family commitments with a rigorous academic workload, and that I could approach my final year with confidence.”

Anonymous Student

“When I first arrived at Mansfield just over 50 years ago it was a very small college with community and caring values. I knew as a result of my involvement with the Mansfield Alumni Association that despite the fact that the college is much larger and more diverse these values have been maintained. There is a tremendous forward looking ‘buzz’ about the college. Coming to Mansfield was a unique opportunity for me and had a major impact on my life. I have wanted to help ‘give back’ ever since and it is a wonderful privilege to be able to support Mansfield into the future. Making a gift in your will is one of the most powerful and transformative ways you can support College. I hope you will join me.”

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A strong Mansfield future begins with you
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There is much to be proud of at Mansfield and much of it is thanks to you. With one of the smallest endowments of any Oxford College, planning for the future of Mansfield is a challenge. We want to ensure that College continues to thrive for generations of Mansfield students. This is why we are asking our alumni if they might consider including a gift to Mansfield College in their will.

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Why I have included Mansfield in my will

David Bailey QC, Jurisprudence 1984

“Education has the power to transform lives. It is the great leveller; whatever one’s family background or circumstances. I am belatedly conscious of the excellence of my Mansfield education and believe that those who have enjoyed the privilege of such an incredible opportunity should, if their later circumstances allow, try to find some way of giving back to the institution that set them fair on their path to success.

This will help to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities and quality of education as we did. As responsibly for funding higher education skills from the public to private sphere, the feminist concept of “pay it forward”-the idea that one benefits from the goodness of others, one should consider giving further down the line. I’m sure that the position of sharing public money is now important today than it ever has been. Remembering Mansfield in my will is a way I can help ensure that the next generation have access to the best that higher education has to offer.”

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