

The Levine Building: An Update

In 2019, construction of the Levine Building began, marking a transformational moment for Trinity. Work has continued apace and, as you will see, the site has developed dramatically.

The success of this project relies heavily upon donations and I would like to thank the more than 900 Old Members, Friends and organisations who have given just over ± 13.3 million towards the ± 15 million target. Your commitment to the project and faith in the college remain deeply appreciated.

The Levine Building is due to be completed in December 2021. Every gift will make a difference and will help to secure this building for generations to come. Now, therefore, is an ideal time to make a contribution. Thank you to all for your generosity.



The President with Hugh Petter, architect of the Levine Building.

Hilory Bould

Dame Hilary Boulding President



Feb - Jul 2019: Preparations Begin ••••

Trees are cleared from the site. Diseased trees are disposed of via Europe's largest wood chipper; other wood is saved for projects throughout College. At the same time, half a mile of new hedging, including trees, is planted on Trinity's Wroxton Estate in North Oxfordshire. The Stuart Gates are removed for restoration and the temporary 'Lawns Pavilion'— providing a teaching room and a large reading room (an alternative study space to the Library)—is constructed on the Lawns.

Sep 2019: **Demolition of the Cumberbatch Building**

Mechanical hammers are installed on top of the Cumberbatch Building to break up the reinforced concrete and a specialised machine, nicknamed the 'nibbler', is used to pull apart the remaining structure. The materials are then separated and sorted for recycling. By the end of the demolition process, around 95% of the Cumberbatch Building is recycled in one way or another.





Before and after the demolition of the Cumberbatch Building.

Nov 2019 - Jan 2020: Archaeological Excavation

A team from Oxford Archaeology investigates the site. Their discoveries include a stone-built kiln or oven, 700-year-old broken pottery and a small figure from a 1950s Kellogg's cereal packet. A large stone chamber, believed to be part of the water fountain depicted in William Williams' 1733 print of Trinity's formal gardens, is also uncovered.



A large stone chamber believed to be the remains of a water feature.



The site's crane has become a prominent feature in the Oxford skyline.

Mar 2020: Everything Becomes Still

Work stops for 6 weeks in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Procedures are swiftly adapted to ensure the safety of everyone on site. Travel restrictions delay supplies and equipment, including the crane, part of which becomes stranded in Italy.

Apr - Jul 2020: Works Begin on the Ground

The site re-opens and the piles, which will provide support for the structure, are installed. The crane's arrival in May allows work to begin on the basement. Work also starts on the concrete structure of the 'Teaching Wing'; this section will house 5 purpose-built teaching rooms and two floors of student bedrooms.

Aug - Oct 2020: Raising the Superstructure

The 'Teaching Wing' reaches its full height and work begins on its exterior rubblestone facing. The rest of the building also begins to rise, and each of the public spaces is now identifiable, namely the auditorium, multipurpose function room and informal study/community area, which will house the 'Dodecadents Bar'. The Britton Library Foyer—named after former Honorary Fellow Jack Britton—now links the Levine Building to the War Memorial Library.



August 2020: eastern 'Teaching Wing' at its full height and the western wing, which will house the community space, administrative hub and student accommodation, beginning to rise in front of Library Quad.

Nov 2020: Topping out

The entire concrete structure reaches its full height, a major milestone that is marked with a socially-distanced 'Topping Out' ceremony, during which the JCR and MCR Presidents put in the last stone at the top of the building.

Dec 2020 - Apr 2021: •••••• The Levine Building Takes Shape

Works concentrate on the roof, windows and stone facing. By early spring, the roof is complete and the inside of the building is also taking shape. Internal walls are constructed, plastering begins, as does first fix mechanical and electrical work. By early April, the building is connected to mains electric.



The 140-seat auditorium (pictured in November 2020) will feature flexible staging, adjustable acoustic panels (for spoken word and music) and IT provision at each seat, and have capacity for live streaming.

Take a site tour of the Levine Building at:www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/levine-building-gallery



The multipurpose function room, on top of which there is a roof terrace, looks out onto the Wilderness.



View of the Levine Building from Library Quad (April 2021).

It is a privilege to give back to the college that had faith in a 1970s grammar school boy from Leeds. My time at Trinity went by in a blink and one only fully realises the honour it was to study at our college after one leaves, but Trinity has always remained with me.

I wanted to honour my late parents who were so instrumental in my life. The Levine Building at Trinity, therefore, commemorates for evermore the memory of Gerry and Sadie Levine, two people who left school at 15 to go to work but who dared to dream for their future generations, as I do for those lucky enough to be passing through the portals of this wonderful building over the many years to come.



Peter Levine (1974) Lead Donor to the Levine Building

The Campaign in Numbers*











*figures correct as of April 2021

Discover more about the campaign at: www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/supporting-levine-building

Make Your Contribution



In April 2021, the fundraising shortfall stood at £1,641,054. We aim to raise the balance by the time building work is completed in December 2021. The table below demonstrates the significance of a single gift, especially when combined with those made by other Old Members and Friends.

| Gift Amount | Total Raised* |
|-------------|---------------|
| £50.00 | £50,000.00 |
| £100.00 | £100,000.00 |
| £250.00 | £250,000.00 |
| £500.00 | £500,000.00 |
| £1,000.00 | £1,000,000.00 |

If you wish to tie your name to the Levine Building individually or as part of a group, please contact Sue Broers, Director of Development, at:

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*If 1000 Old Members and Friends make a gift at this level.

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