

eNewsletter — Trinity term 2025

A busy weekend in Trinity



Last weekend was a very busy one in College. On Saturday we welcomed back over 100 recent graduates and many guests for Graduation, on a fine, late-spring day. Tutors were present to hand out the certificates after the formal ceremony in the Sheldonian, and everyone celebrated with a glass (or two) of bubbly and a delicious afternoon tea.

On Sunday, to make further use of the graduation marquee, we held another popular Family & Friends Afternoon for current students to bring their guests into Trinity and see parts of the college that are not usually on view—the silver vaults, medieval wall paintings and the Old Library being particular favourites. An archive exhibition of interesting pieces from Trinity's history was very well received, and the afternoon finished with an outdoor Jazz Mass in the President's Garden.



Support for the President's scholarship



Since its launch, the appeal for the Dame Hilary Boulding Graduate Scholarship (for a Humanities student, with a preference for Music) has attracted donors wanting to acknowledge the President's contribution to Trinity and support graduates facing increasingly severe funding difficulties.

The aim is to provide an endowment to cover the fees and living costs of a DPhil student from anywhere in the world, in perpetuity. At £1.8 million, this is a challenging target, but already Old Members and Friends are showing their support and more than £390,000 has been received in gifts and pledges. Every gift, whatever the amount, takes us a step closer and we could not be more grateful to those who have supported the appeal to date. To learn more and to make a gift, please go to www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/hb-scholarship.

Gatsby at Trinity



The Trinity Players are marking the centenary of F Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, with a staged adaptation of the novel by Simon Levy, performed in the President's Garden and promising 'a richly atmospheric and ensemble-led performance'. The production runs from Tuesday 27 May to Saturday 31 May.

All performances are currently sold out, but extra tickets are due to go on sale at 6pm today, Friday 23 May. [Book here](#)

Gatsby at Trinity – The evidence

An exhibition by Archivist Clare Hopkins, will be on display in the Old Bursary on Thursday 29 May from 12 to 2.30pm and 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Early on in the novel, narrator Nick Carraway hears rumours that Jay Gatsby had been 'at Oxford', and, in chapter four, Gatsby pulls out a photograph of himself, loafing with other young men in an archway, and says, 'a souvenir of Oxford days. It was taken in Trinity Quad...'. Did Gatsby ever tell the truth? Could he have been a Trinity man? This exhibition from the college archives examines the historical evidence.

Read all the latest news from Trinity on the [website](#)

Vice-Chancellor's award



Trinity's Access team has received a Vice-Chancellor's Award, presented at a ceremony last week, having won in the Local Community Engagement category for their outreach work in Oxford. The Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise the achievements and celebrate success across the collegiate University. Pictured are Rob Harrison, Hannah Rolley and Innocent Otunnu after receiving the award in the Sheldonian. [Read more](#)

Bordering on completion...



Work to transform the quagmire that surrounded the drilling for the new ground source heat pumps under the college's north lawn, and then the freshly levelled top soil that was the next step, is now nearing completion. Turf has finally been laid and the new border is in the process of being planted.

It will be a few weeks before the lawns can be used and the border inspected close to, but for events over the summer and students returning next term, Trinity's grounds will finally be restored, and even better than before, after six years of building projects and disruption. We look forward to showing you the completed works, whether you can come and see them in person or through Trinity communications.

Forthcoming events

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL GARDEN PARTY
Sunday 22 June

FIFTY PLUS YEARS ON LUNCH
Tuesday 24 June

For all who matriculated up to and including 1975

GAUDY 2001 – 2003

Saturday 28 June

Only a few places left, book now to avoid disappointment.

TRINITY WEEKEND

Friday 19 – Sunday 21 September

Return to College for one of the first opportunities to meet the new president, Sir Robert Chote.

GAUDY up to and including 1965
Saturday 27 September

WILLIAM PITT SOCIETY LUNCH
Saturday 18 October

A lunch for members of the society created to recognise those who have included Trinity in their wills

LONDON RECEPTION
Thursday 23 October 2025

Join us for an evening event at the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole St, to meet the new president, Sir Robert Chote.

Booking details will be circulated in the summer.

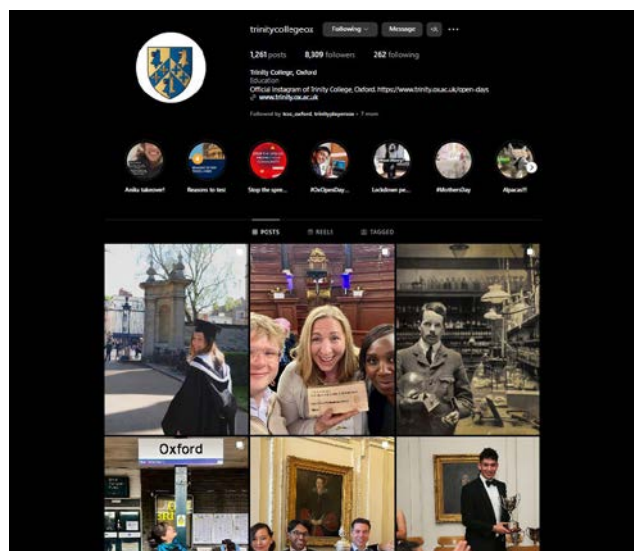
See the [website](#) for further event details and to download a copy of the [Programme of Events](#)

Update your details

The spring Newsletter will be sent out in the next few weeks. You can check that your contact details are up to date on the [Trinity Net](#) update page (for Old Members with a log in) or by [email](#).

If you have any news you would like to see included in the next edition of the Newsletter, please contact [Tom Knollys](#).

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