

## Our College, Our Future Sport at St Catharine's July 2019

St Catharine's shares in the University's pursuit of the highest international standards of education, learning and research. We also strive to maintain our reputation as an open, welcoming and diverse college. This means that we must invest in generous bursary schemes, a rich selection of extra-curricular activities, new pastoral care initiatives, and our buildings and spaces.

Many of our Members understand the importance of College sport. Sport has universal appeal and high-quality facilities and opportunities help attract the brightest minds to St Catharine's. Participation in College sport builds lasting friendships, fosters community spirit and contributes to a healthy balance in the lives of our students.

We are committed to enabling our students to build a varied range of life skills so that they can engage fully with the wider world. College teams have benefited greatly from the generosity of Members and friends in the past. With your support, we can provide unparalleled resources, ensuring that our students can realise their personal potential, and further enhancing the College's reputation.

### Sport in Numbers

More than **£160,000** is spent on College sport every year

Students participate in **20** College sports

**36** Blues and Half Blues awarded in 2017-18

Sports bursaries worth **£14,275** were awarded to **55** students in 2017-18

St Catharine's was the **first** Cambridge college to have its own artificial pitch for hockey

### Sport at St Catharine's Today

Building on a proud history, today the College routinely produces 30-40 Blues and Half Blues each year and is a perennial contender in many Cuppers competitions. It is, however, the extent of our students' participation in sport at *all* levels of competition – and the support that they show for each other from the side-lines and riverbanks – that helps to define, and perhaps best demonstrates, the character that makes our College community so special. The cry goes out, "For the Wheel!".

The College is the grateful beneficiary of sponsorship and donations from Members and friends but these funds cover only one-third of annual College spending on sport. Our students should not face financial barriers to participating in any aspect of College life, but we need greater investment in sport if we are to maintain its appeal and impact.



## Future Ambitions

Our ambition is to spend more on sport and our athletes, while alleviating the financial burden on our students. We have established a designated fund to support sport at St Catharine's in perpetuity. We are asking all Members who enjoyed playing sport at College, and who appreciate its contribution to the rounded development of our students, to support the fund. Our goal is to reach £3 million.

## How You Can Help

Fulfilling our ambitions will be a community effort. We will be grateful for all donations to the fund, all of which will have a measurable and enduring benefit. All donors will have their support recognised in our published list of benefactors, and all donors will be kept informed of the achievements of our athletes and teams.

Donations can be made in a variety of ways, depending on where you live. For taxpayers in the UK, United States, Hong Kong and Europe, donations to the College can attract favourable tax treatment. For more information, please consult the College website ([www.caths.cam.ac.uk/donate](http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/donate)) or contact the Alumni and Development Office: [giving@caths.cam.ac.uk](mailto:giving@caths.cam.ac.uk) or +44 (0)1223 338337.

*"Sport has made a huge contribution to my time at Cambridge. It has been invaluable for both my physical and mental wellbeing, providing me with a perfect break from work and a wonderful support network. I have made many of my closest friends while competing for various College and University teams. Some of my most cherished memories are those of Varsities, Bumps and Cuppers victories."*

**Fiona Conlon (2015, Natural Sciences)**  
**St Catharine's College Boat Club, football and rugby**  
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