

OUR COLLEGE, OUR FUTURE

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SUPPORTING SPORT

Investing in College life, including collegiate sport is in an important initiative. The final third of our campaign seeks to raise funds for core purposes to strengthen the College's finances. Those who enjoyed collegiate sport at St Catharine's may wish to direct their gifts to priority. With your support we hope to raise £3 million to support our sport clubs and societies in perpetuity.



When asked what makes St Catharine's special, students frequently highlight College Sport and many of our Members have enduring memories. 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 health and well-being in the lives of our students.

“College sport lays the foundations of so many of the most enduring friendships we form when we're at Cambridge. The diversity of activities that College sport offers its students is huge. Sports like rowing are dependent on Colleges offering high quality introductions to a sport that may otherwise never be considered. The communities, opportunities and ultimately memories College sport creates are priceless.”

GEORGE NASH (2009), OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST AND FORMER COLLEGE ROWER

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. 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 which makes our College community so special. The cry goes out: “For the Wheel!”.

SPORT IN NUMBERS

More than **£175,000** is spent on College sport every year

Students participate in **20** College sports

Covid-19 impacted our **Blues /Half Blues** count in 2019-20 (**18**). In ‘normal’ years this usually sits **between 35-40**

Typically, **£15,000** of sports bursaries are awarded each year

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



The College is grateful for support from Members and friends. However, at present, these **funds cover only one-third of annual College spending on sport**. We need your help with the associated costs, so that our students can participate in all aspects of College sport without financial barriers.



“I have played college netball, hockey and used the annual grant to fund sailing as part of the blues Varsity team whilst studying at Catzs. I have a love for the spirit, community, and camaraderie that is created when you are part of a team, nowhere is this essence more captured than in college sport. From netball on a Saturday or mixed hockey on a Sunday afternoon it all has become a defining, hugely memorable and special part of life at Catz.

The annual sports grant has been invaluable not only in the sense of helping to cover event and travel costs but also as an enabler allowing me to participate in some of the highest levels of sailing in the country – something that would have been impossible without it.”

OLIVIA JACKLIN (2019) COLLEGE NETBALL, HOCKEY AND SAILING BLUE AND SPORTS BURSARY RECIPIENT

PLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT

We have established a designated fund to support sport at St Catharine’s in perpetuity. Our goal is to reach £3 million, which will cover our overheads by providing annual spending of £160,000.

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) or contact the Alumni and Development Office: giving@caths.cam.ac.uk or +44 (0)1223 338337.

“College sport is one of the defining features of life at Catz, and it is a brilliant way of bringing people together from different years and subjects who you otherwise wouldn’t meet. It created a deep sense of community and common purpose, which enriched the friendships I had at Catz and generated a supportive atmosphere for academic work.”

HARRY LENG, (2017), COLLEGE CRICKET AND HOCKEY, HOCKEY BLUE, SPORTS BURSARY RECIPIENT

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