A message from the Principal

I write this message having just returned from New York, where we held two highly successful events with GTC alumni.

On Friday night – May Day – 30 alumni and past Visiting Fellows of the College attended a most enjoyable dinner at the Princeton Club. John Kelly, a Visiting Fellow last year at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism and Visiting Scholar at Green College, gave the after-dinner address. John is a columnist on the Washington Post (and inveterate blogger: some of you may have encountered his Voxford blog during his year here).

His talk was witty, discerning, and beautifully pitched. The North American alumni delighted in his incredulous account of Oxford traditions and foibles: from May Day at Magdalen Bridge, through beating the bounds of the city and surviving the niceties of high table, to the impenetrability of the University. But he segued from these gentle jibes to a heartfelt statement of how rewarding his year in Oxford had been; how rich were the international exchanges among the Reuters fellows, and how valuable his links with the College.

On Saturday a smaller group convened in a working session, to launch a North American Alumni Committee. This is being chaired by Dr Peter Bourne, with Max Rutten (who did his MBA at Templeton College) as his Vice-Chair. All those present showed real enthusiasm and commitment about working to support GTC in a range of ways. The College plans to mount a series of regular events for those of its alumni based in North America; and, in due course, to launch similar alumni chapters in other regions.

Those at the meeting were particularly interested in how the College was defining itself and planning its future. I gave a presentation which emphasised two things.

Firstly, I used a striking image of the Observatory building against the rubble of the cleared Radcliffe Infirmary site: not to bewail the disruption from the building site, but to highlight the ways in which the College will benefit as the site is fully developed. It will change the relationship of the College to the University spatially, socially and symbolically. GTC will be alongside the new centre of gravity of the University, and our Observatory tower will be a central visual feature of the entire site.

Secondly, the alumni were delighted to hear about the academic vision of the College, as developed by Governing Body in recent months. The academic identity derives partly from the legacy specialisms of Green and Templeton and partly from the opportunities that rise from the merger. Thus, as legacies:

- GTC will remain at the heart of academic medicine in Oxford, committed to clinical training and to medical research;
- GTC will remain the major college site in Oxford for Management Studies, working closely with the Said Business School; and
- GTC will retain its coherent cluster of social science disciplines.

And, as new opportunities:

- GTC specialises in linking scholarship with the professions, with practice, with policy, and with public understanding of science and society;
- The overlap between medical and management sciences – the ‘business of health’ provides a clear and compelling area for inter-disciplinary work;
- In addition, there are other intellectual synergies that rise from disciplines already represented in GTC, so that the College can become a genuinely inter-disciplinary site, working with University departments, but exploring their interstices and fostering unexpected exchanges in the traffic of ideas.

To realise this potential, the College is investing in student scholarships and in College-based academic initiatives.

The enthusiasm of the alumni committee for this vision (elaborated more fully than I have space for here) was exhilarating. It confirmed that the College is entering an exciting and important chapter of its history. And it was a reminder of how loyal and supportive our alumni are.
Over 40 students from Oxford University and other institutions across the UK, including the London School of Economics, University College London, and St Andrews, Warwick and Durham Universities, gathered at GTC on 9 and 10 May for the second annual GTC Human Welfare Conference.

With innovations in sustainable solutions as its theme, the two-day multi-disciplinary student and academic conference explored a diverse range of key issues and concerns such as health and medicine, the globalisation of the media, human rights, immigration policies, and international labour and skills markets.

Students were joined by four keynote speakers, including GTC Principal Colin Bundy, and ten academic and professional panellists to discuss ‘globalisation’, the state and welfare, and globalisation and the sustainable community.

GTC Fellows taking part included Professor Steve Woolgar and Dr Felix Reed-Tsochas of the University’s Institute for Science, Innovation and Society; Dr David Levy, Director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, and Geoff Lye of the Oxford Environmental Change Institute.

The five-year agenda of the EMS covers health, environment, energy, technology and education. Five-year sponsorship is provided by the C&C Alpha Group, with start-up costs contributed by GTC.
College news

Study targets healthy development of unborn babies

Clinicians and scientists based in the Oxford Maternal and Perinatal Health Institute at GTC, including GTC Fellow Dr Stephen Kennedy, are launching a large-scale international study to establish a new set of standards that describe the optimal, healthy growth of fetuses in the womb and newborn babies during the first year of life.

The INTERGROWTH-21st study is funded by a $12.3m (£8.7m) grant to the Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

As a result of the work, millions of pregnancies and newborns the world over will be assessed using the same standardised growth charts for the first time. The work will particularly benefit the developing world, where undernutrition at birth is a major health problem.

“Our study will determine a true international measure of healthy fetal and newborn growth for the first time and will significantly improve our ability to detect babies that are undernourished or need extra care,” Stephen says.

Recognition for evidence-based clinical research into stroke

A GTC Fellow whose work has lead to a national and international change in clinical practice into the treatment of stroke has won the inaugural BMJ Group Award for outstanding achievement in evidence-based health care.

Peter Rothwell’s research into transient ischaemic attack - TIA or ‘mini-stroke’ - and minor stroke has established the need for acute preventive treatment and shown that such treatment reduces the early risk of major stroke by 80 per cent.

“Up until the last few years, patients with TIA were treated very slowly around the world and often were not seen or investigated for weeks,” explains Peter, who is professor of clinical neurology and Director of the Stroke Prevention Research Unit.

"Since 2000 until now, we have managed to change this condition from being a bit of a backwater to a medical emergency.

Financial crisis in focus

Angela Wilkinson, GTC Research Fellow, and Rafael Ramirez, GTC Fellow, both based in the Institute for Science, Innovation and Society (INSIS) at the Said Business School, have been working with an international group on a set of scenarios on the future of the so-called global financial crisis.

Angela explains: “A variety of different scenarios are being produced, revealing root causes of the crisis and offering solutions, but this initiative is original in that it looks at the non-sensical way we got into the situation, and how non-sense may persist ‘despite of’ or ‘because of’ the ‘solutions’ that are being put in place.”

Trial engagements, as part of an initiative on sustainable finance led by WWF, will be held in Oxford and London in July.

The Learning Lens

A series of stunning photographs of the College form part of a new exhibition by internationally-exhibited photographer and former resident of GTC, Eva Timothy.

Entitled Oxford: Learning, Lore and Legend, the exhibition is the result of a year spent photographing all of the University’s colleges. Images from the project are currently on show in the Doll Building.

Eva came to the then Green College with her husband Adam when he was studying for an MBA at SBS in 2004-2005. She lived in Observatory Street and exhibited her work in the Stables Gallery.

Given her close ties with GTC, Eva took a particular interest in photographing the College. She explains: “The Observatory is one of the most magical places on the planet. I love the history behind it, the architectural beauty and the memories of late afternoons walking along the upper loft as the sun shone through those magnificent windows.”
Recently published

Alumnus Declan Hill (Green 2003-2008) has published his research into match-fixing in international football. *The Fix: Soccer and organized crime* (McClelland and Stewart) has appeared in nine languages and been on the best-seller lists in France, Germany and Canada. It contains a glowing reference to the College, with many people – Jackie Davies, the porters, Dominic Bown and Keith Frayn – thanked by name.

Former Reuters Fellow in medical journalism (1999/2000) Sabine E Wildevuur is the author of *Invisible Vision: Could Science learn from the Arts?* (Bohn Stafleu van Loghum) which reflects on different ways of bringing science and the arts together. With a preface by Oxford University Professor of the History of Art Martin Kemp, it is available to buy online at www.bsl.nl

Honorary Visiting Fellow Professor Hugh Freeman has jointly edited *The Impact of the Environment on Psychiatric Disorder* (Routledge) with Professor Stephen Stansfield.

GTC Fellow Robert Walker and GTC Research Associate Mark Tomlinson are the co-authors of *Coping with complexity: child and adult poverty* (Child Poverty Action Group 2009). It argues that current definitions and measurements of poverty do not reflect its multi-dimensional nature.

Profile of Dr Billy Andrews, former Green College Fellow and part-time retired faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville, School of Medicine.

Billy Andrews is recognized as a founder in the field of clinical neonatology.

2008 marked the 50th anniversary of his two cartoon Concepts, *The Six Finger Exercise* and *Small for Date Infants*.

Both were developed as a teaching tool and presented during his time at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC in October 1958. Since then they have become widely used.

The first concept defined neonatology while the second stressed the great importance of gestational age as responsible for survival in small for gestational age babies.

2008 was also the 40th anniversary of his *Children’s Bill of Rights*. This document has been used to promote the rights and healthcare of children and has been translated into all major languages.

Dr Andrews became a Visiting Scholar in Medical History and Ethics in 1993 at the invitation of Sir Crispin Tickell.

He had known Lord John Walton since medical school at Duke University. While Lord Walton cared for 13 Norham Gardens, the home of Sir William Osler, Dr Andrews had visited many times since the early 1970s along with Sir Peter Tizard, the first chair of pediatrics at Oxford.

In 1998 Dr Andrews became Visiting Fellow in Medical History, Ethics and Humanities at Green College, a post he held until 2005.

With Dr E David Cook as his mentor at Green College, he wrote *Organ Donors and Transplantation* which was then modified and published by the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*.

As well as his work in paediatrics, Dr Andrews is also a published poet. While at Oxford, his wife Faye edited and published two books of his poetry from six to 60 years of age. *Words to Live By* is dedicated to the influential men in his life, while *Ideals and Inspiration* contains more biography and is dedicated to the women who have taught and inspired him.

Dr Andrews has combined research interests in medical history, ethics and humanities and continues to speak, write and serve on many committees.

The *Tower of the Winds* print (right) is one of Eva’s favourites. She took the shot while living in Observatory Street, leaning out of a window to get the shot before it started to rain.

A collection of Eva’s A4 prints is available from the Lodge or the GTC website at: http://www.gtc.ox.ac.uk/alumni-and-friends/shop.html and at http://www.illumea.com/towerofthewinds.asp

Prints are £40 each and 40 per cent of all proceeds go to the College.

See more of Eva’s work at: www.illumea.com and www.lostinlearning.com
Despite impending deadlines and exams, the Trinity term card promises plenty of opportunities to take time off from the library.

One highlight is the ‘Pirate Weekend’ – kicking off with a bop on Friday 29 May, followed by the guaranteed-to-be-incredible Pirate Punting on Sunday afternoon, as well as a Pirate themed brunch!

The brunch continues a well-established Sunday morning ritual for many Grempletonians and it continues to be a great place to relax and sample dishes that Jamie Oliver would be proud of!

We might also see some truly GTC produce at future brunches after the introduction of a student veggie garden located on St Margaret’s Road.

Events in the bar continue: a live band night, relaunch of Cocktails In The Bar and Seven Deadly Sins Bop set the tone for an action-packed term.

On Saturday 13 June it is the annual summer ball themed The Golden Age of Hollywood, with movie sets filled with entertainment – imagine the intrigue of The Public Enemy (1931), the romance of Casablanca (1942) and the wonder of The Wizard of Oz (1939).

Trinity will be rounded off with an old Green favourite – the Beach Party Bop. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as we don flip-flops and Hawaiian shirts. We hope this will be as successful last term’s Mardi Gras Guest Dinner, previously held at Templeton. Despite a broken heater in the marquee, we did our best to keep warm with some enthusiastic dancing!

Looking back on Hilary Term, GTC is developing into a very open, yet inclusive College, with an active student body. Events included an organic beer tasting, men’s and women’s welfare dinners, a LGBT trip to London, a Cushion Concert for children, Sunday brunches, cocktail nights and bops.

Welfare and Wine is also now firmly established as a GTC institution, providing a forum to share experiences and cultures in relation to a different topic every Wednesday. One-off events such as the Vagina Monologues showcased the talents of some lovely GTC ladies and a few guys to benefit the YWCA.

Meanwhile, we extend our reach outside with Exchange Dinners: in Trinity we will host and visit Christ Church and Nuffield. These dinners are very popular and now work on a lottery system to ensure everyone has a chance to attend.

GTC GCR committee looks forward to welcoming you all at our activities – it might be a cliché but there really is something for everyone!
Jeffrey Aronson, professor of clinical pharmacology, commented on BBC R4’s Today Programme about how administering sedatives to young women in children’s homes in the 1980s could lead to birth defects in their offspring, following a BBC investigation into a children’s home in Kent.

Dr Jeff Sampler, Fellow in Management and Technology, was interviewed on World Business Report (BBC World News) in April in the week that technology and internet companies including IBM, Yahoo, e-Bay and Amazon released results.

BBC Radio 4’s Media Show featured an interview with Dr David Levy, Director of the RISJ, and Polly Toynbee of The Guardian, about the future of newspapers.

The story was also covered in BBC News online, the Daily Mail online, the Daily Telegraph online, ITV Meridian East and Community Care magazine.

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The Guardian profiled the University’s Million Women Study which was started by GTC Fellow Professor Valerie Beral, head of the cancer epidemiology unit. The study aims to provide a definitive blueprint for women’s health, spotlighting issues from the pill, alcohol and diet, to the menopause.

Keith Hawton’s study into self-harm in the armed forces was covered by BBC News online, while a joint survey with Belgium’s University Hospital revealing that suicide rates increase in the spring and during an economic downturn, though incidence varies greatly from country to country and across different latitudes. was covered by The Times.

A contribution to meteorology by Spencer Cowper, Dean of Durham 1746-74, is of particular interest to GTC. The article in a Royal Society publication, on early correspondence about British weather, tells of a letter sent by Cowper to the first Radcliffe Observer Thomas Hornsby in 1769.

The letter records regional weather variations and describes a naturalists’ journal to be completed in Durham and then sent to the Observatory. However, so far, extensive detective work has failed to locate the journal.

It is with sadness that the College notes the death of Dr Ian Gregg at the age of 84. He was a pioneer in GP research into respiratory disease. His enthusiasm for William Osler’s work led him to volunteer to archive the Osler writings at 13 Norham Gardens. He initiated the idea that the Library should collect other authors contemporary to Osler as they were often more correct, especially when writing about asthma.
**Matt shines in student awards!**

**Matt Morton**, GTC DPhil scholarship student, has been named *International Student of the Year 2009* by The British Council.

Matt (24), who is studying for a DPhil in Youth Development in the Middle East, received his award at a ceremony in London in late April hosted by Moira Stewart OBE and attended by all the finalists.

His win followed his selection as one of 12 regional finalists chosen from over 1,500 students of 118 different nationalities who entered the International Student Awards competition, known as *Shine!,* this year.

Matt’s ‘letter home’ describing his experiences of living and studying in the UK was judged to be the most inspiring by a panel of education professionals and officials from the British Council, the National Union of Students, government departments and regional development agencies.

In the letter Matt describes how he is helping to develop a youth empowerment project in a deprived area of Oxford to coach young people in developing confidence and skills. He also recently took part in a youth mentoring scheme, and has set up a partnership with an Albanian youth group.

Accepting a trophy and £2,000, Matt said: “For me, *Shine!* seemed like a great opportunity to bring attention to the youth projects that I work with. I’ve enjoyed connecting with the other finalists – all of them are astonishing, and it’s been great to hear about their many achievements.”

In winning the title, Matt emulates the success of other current GTC students, such as Neo Zhang, who was the overall winner in 2007 while studying at Queen’s University Belfast, and Emma Link who was the south east regional finalist also in 2007.

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**GTC Fellow Robert Walker** received the award of Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in March.

**Godfrey Hodgson**, former director of the Reuters’ Foundation Programme and a Fellow of Green College for eight years (1993-2001), was awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, USA in January. Since leaving Green, he has written and contributed to books on American politics or history published by the Cambridge, Harvard, Yale and Princeton University presses.

**Richard Danbury**, RISJ Visiting Fellow and senior broadcast journalist with BBC *Newsnight*, was part of a team that won a Royal Television Society award for innovation in news for the BBC drama series *10 Days to War* about the run-up to the Iraq War. Richard briefed and planned the interviews with the significant people who were portrayed in the dramas, including General Sir Mike Jackson and Sir Jeremy Greenstock, former UK ambassador to the UN.

**Peter Bourne**, Honorary Visiting Fellow and Chair of the GTC North American Alumni Council, has been elected a fellow of the Rothermere American Institute.

**Bernardo Peredo**, DPhil student at the Environmental Change Institute, has won an essay competition for students in the Americas held by Harvard University and the Universidad Austral de Chile. His essay analysed the opportunities and challenges for indigenous territories, ecosystem services and conservation in the Bolivian Amazon.

**Kaushal Vidyarthi** has been awarded a GTC DPhil Scholarship starting in October 2009.

Kaushal will be studying on the DPhil in Social Policy, concentrating on the uneven spatial integration of Dalits and Adivasis in Indian business economy and its implications for social and economic policies.

Originally from Bihar in India, Kaushal joined Wolfson College as an INLKAS Scholar in 2006 on the MPhil in Development Studies. He is currently the OUSU Vice-President (Graduates), an elected sabbatical post, and before that was OUSU International Students Officer. He is keenly looking forward to join the GTC graduate community.