

What you told us in our

Alumni Survey

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Welcome to the first **My HMC!**

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our 2022 Alumni Survey. I was really touched to see such favourable, supportive and constructive comments.

Based on feedback, we hope to build on the close relationship between HMC and its community through a series of termly e-newsletters to alumni, with news on the College, interesting stories of alumni, and upcoming dates for your diary. We are also planning to offer a programme of events, such as open lectures, conferences, dinners, member-led events and fundraising.

This is your newsletter. Let me know what you think about it. Suggestions will be gratefully received.

Most sincerely,



Shona Nicholson

Development & Alumni Relations
Manager

How alumni responded

The 2022 Alumni Survey closed on 22nd April 2022. It received a 25% response rate, with over 95% of respondents saying they felt a close connection to the College. The majority were University of Oxford students, with a smattering of Junior Year Abroad or Visiting Students from other universities.

There were many memories of student societies and sports – rowing came up quite a bit – as well as Oxford University Ice Hockey Club, dinners in Hall, university drama productions, JCR and MCR committees, choirs, Oxford Union, even membership in the Wheat-sheaf Philosophical and Harry Potter Societies...and many alumni met and married their partners here.

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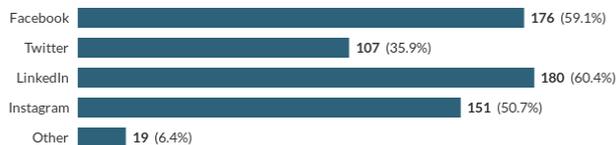
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Alumni Survey highlights

Social media

The most popular social media sites visited by alumni were:

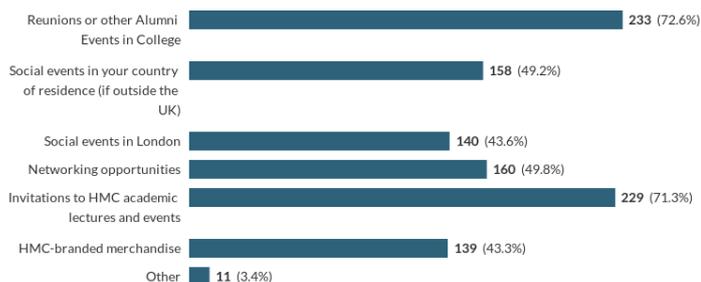


Other sites mentioned were TikTok, WeChat, YouTube and Telegram.

Given some of the responses below in the section 'Giving Back', the prominence of LinkedIn is not unexpected, since many alumni are interested in networking and giving careers talks to current students.

Alumni relations

When asked about events, alumni overwhelmingly mentioned that they would be interested in attending events, in College (72.6%), London (46.3%) or in their country (49.2%). Interestingly, 71.3% said they would be interested to HMC academic lectures and events, providing possible in-person, hybrid or remote audiences for these types of events that are already being organised by academics within the College.



When asked about how they received information a whopping 84.6% said they wanted to receive a newsletter from the College, which would include an events calendar, updates on the College and academic research.

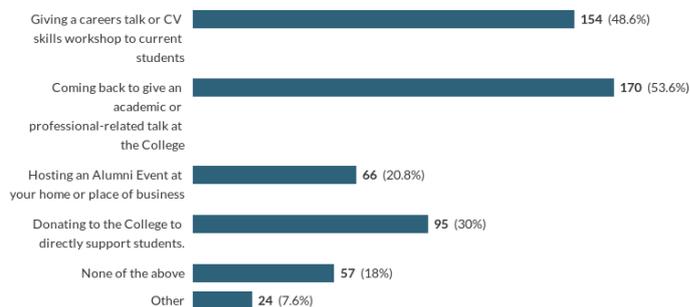
Giving back

HMC alumni are interested in giving back, with the majority interested in giving a careers or academic/professional-related talk at the College. This reflects the preference for LinkedIn, as discussed above.

Our Winner!

The winning name of our Prize Draw was drawn by Principal, Jane Shaw. Congratulations to Catherine Clarebrough (1993, Biology), who wins an HMC-branded puffer jacket (retail value £80).

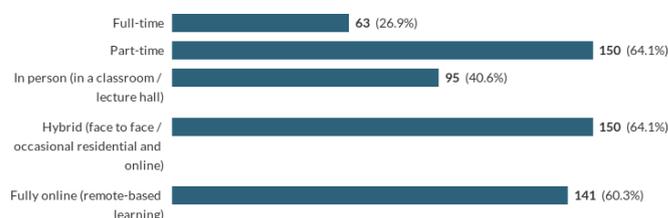
Fancy your own HMC merchandise? Just visit [The College Store](#) where profits from purchases are returned to the College to help fund student bursaries.



In reflecting on other areas where they could give back, alumni answers were varied, from offering services as a musician to coaching mooted teams to leaving money in a will.

Further education

There's a profound interest in lifelong learning, with 27.3% looking to enter postgraduate study to 48.6% wanting general interest courses. In addition, HMC alumni are embracing technological change, with the majority of respondents saying that they want to access it as hybrid (64.1%) or fully remote learning (60.3%).



HMC welcomes new Fellow, Matthew Wait, Director of Continuing Education. For information about part-time, professional and diploma courses visit conted.ox.ac.uk.

For a more detailed analysis of the survey, visit: hmc.ox.ac.uk/alumni-and-supporters/2022-alumni-survey

My Story, My HMC

Dr Rich Khatib

DPhil, Oriental Studies (Economics, International Relations, Philosophy) (1993)

Rich is a former officer of the German Air Force, with a degree in business administration from Germany, who came to Oxford on a junior year abroad scheme, which encouraged him to apply to Oxford for a DPhil. His experience includes internet pioneer, tech serial entrepreneur, and CEO/board-level executive in digital health and disruptive digitally empowered industries.

What I'm doing now

Co-founder and Executive Director, Huma (a digital health pioneer and unicorn).



After working on myself for almost five years, I am now engaged in creating a digital mental health solution for a happier life. Leveraging the Metaverse will enable individuals to take a first step in seeking to better their lives.

Best memory of HMC

Somehow my best memories, that also constituted to some of the very best years of my life, have to do with the people at HMC, including Dr Ralph Waller, my tutors, and the lifelong friends I made. My single best memory is the unique feeling resulting from having lived a fantastic part of my life through HMC.

Favourite activities at HMC

I very much enjoyed serving as the MCR president for three years – being able to support HMC at all levels, and seeing how the college was growing with each year into a most exceptional place for people of all walks and ages; people with a mutual love and excitement for growing through sharing and learning.

Why HMC?

I joined the college in 1991. In 1999 I told myself it's time to move on. Why I studied for so long? because I loved and enjoyed every moment of it. One main reason was HMC and its very special mature and super friendly and supportive atmosphere. Even when I had the opportunity to change

“I love entrepreneurship, anything tech, and the visual arts. Creating impact and inspiring a better life is what keeps me up. The bigger the challenge, the more exciting!”

college with my DPhil, nothing compared with the warmth and buzz of HMC. HMC was known to be one of the most liberal openminded colleges of the university, with the best food hands down!

Why is giving to HMC important?

Giving back to my world is for me part of the cycle of life. In other terms its part of an ecosystem. I was supported on my journey and I aim to support other like-minded people on their journeys. I experienced way more than I could have imagined through HMC. It prepared me for what has been an amazing life, a journey that I wish for many more.

Advice to current students

What you can dream you can achieve. My Oxford and HMC experience in particular, where a huge and life changing stepping stone that I embarked on. I have never since looked back without a smile.

Talking Careers

Special thanks to Muloongo Muchelemba (2002, PPE, Rhodes Scholar) for coming to chat to current students on 28th March in the Thomas Halik Room.



Founder of Pan-African news and ideas blog, ONGOLO, and Director of Selection for the Rhodes Trust programme, RISE, Muloongo offered great insights into

other fields where she has worked. These include oil and gas, management consulting, and banking, as well as having lived and worked in Belgium, Italy, Japan, Mozambique and the United Kingdom.

We look forward to more careers events in the coming months. Thank you to Ben Rusch (2000, Jurisprudence) and Parwana Zahib-Majed (1999, Jurisprudence) for stepping forward to host a workshop on Law, and Xavier Helgesen (2010, MBA) for an offer of an internship for those interested in working in private equity or technology entrepreneurship.

Alumni News

Prof Julián D. López Murcia (2012, Politics) has just published his second book about regulatory issues (in Spanish). For more information: [Inteligencia Regulatoria - LEGIS](#)

Deborah Frances White (1997, English Lang. & Lit.) is on tour with her book *The Guilty Feminist* in the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Click here for [UK dates](#) and here for dates [Down Under](#). The book was a Sunday Times Bestseller and the follow up, *Six Conversations We're Scared to Have*, is hotly anticipated.

HMC's Tate Library has added two signed editions to its Alumni Book Collection by **Dr Ursula Hackett** (2006, Politics): *America's Voucher Politics: How Elites Learned to Hide the State* and *Brilliant Essays*. If you have a book about to be published, please let Librarian Kate Alderson-Smith know by contacting her at librarian@hmc.ox.ac.uk.

Zhiguan Xu (2020, MJur) is looking to develop a network of HMC alumni in China. If you're interested, please contact him at xuzhiguan@hotmail.com.

Dates for your diary

TORCH Humanities Cultural Programme Film screening and Q&A: *Lunar Voyage*
11th May 2022, 17.00- 18:30, in-person in Maevadi Hall. [More information here](#).

Upton Lecture by Jeanette Winterson
24th May 2022, HMC Chapel. Livestreamed (contact kate.wilson@hmc.ox.ac.uk for link).

2020/2021 Leavers Event - 18th June 2022, contact kate.wilson@hmc.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Open Doors
11th September 2022, booking via the Oxford Preservation Trust's [website](#).

25th Anniversary Charter Dinner
University of Oxford Alumni Weekend
17th September 2022, 18.45 drinks and 19.30 dinner in Hall. [Book here](#).

Manchester Lecture
Michaelmas 2022. Speaker and date TBC.

Alumni Carol Service & Dinner
3rd December 2022. Booking available soon.

Benefactors Dinner
18th March 2023. Invitation only.

Call for College memories!

Have you stumbled across any HMC gems while undertaking a spring clean? We'd love to see them! Get in touch to let us know what you've found at alumni@hmc.ox.ac.uk
Special thanks to alumnus Eric Wiberg (1991, History) for sharing his photo and diary collection with us!

Changed your contact details?

If you have a new address, email or phone number, do please let us know so we can keep our records up to date. If you would prefer not to receive HMC publications and mailings by post or email, please get in touch via alumni@hmc.ox.ac.uk and we will update your contact preferences.