



YOUR GIFTS ARE CHANGING LIVES

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A YEAR in giving

Your gifts, no matter what size, make a real impact on campus and beyond. This map demonstrates some of the ways your gifts to the Innovation and Immediate Impact Programme have made a difference this year. Thank you for your support.

Thank you

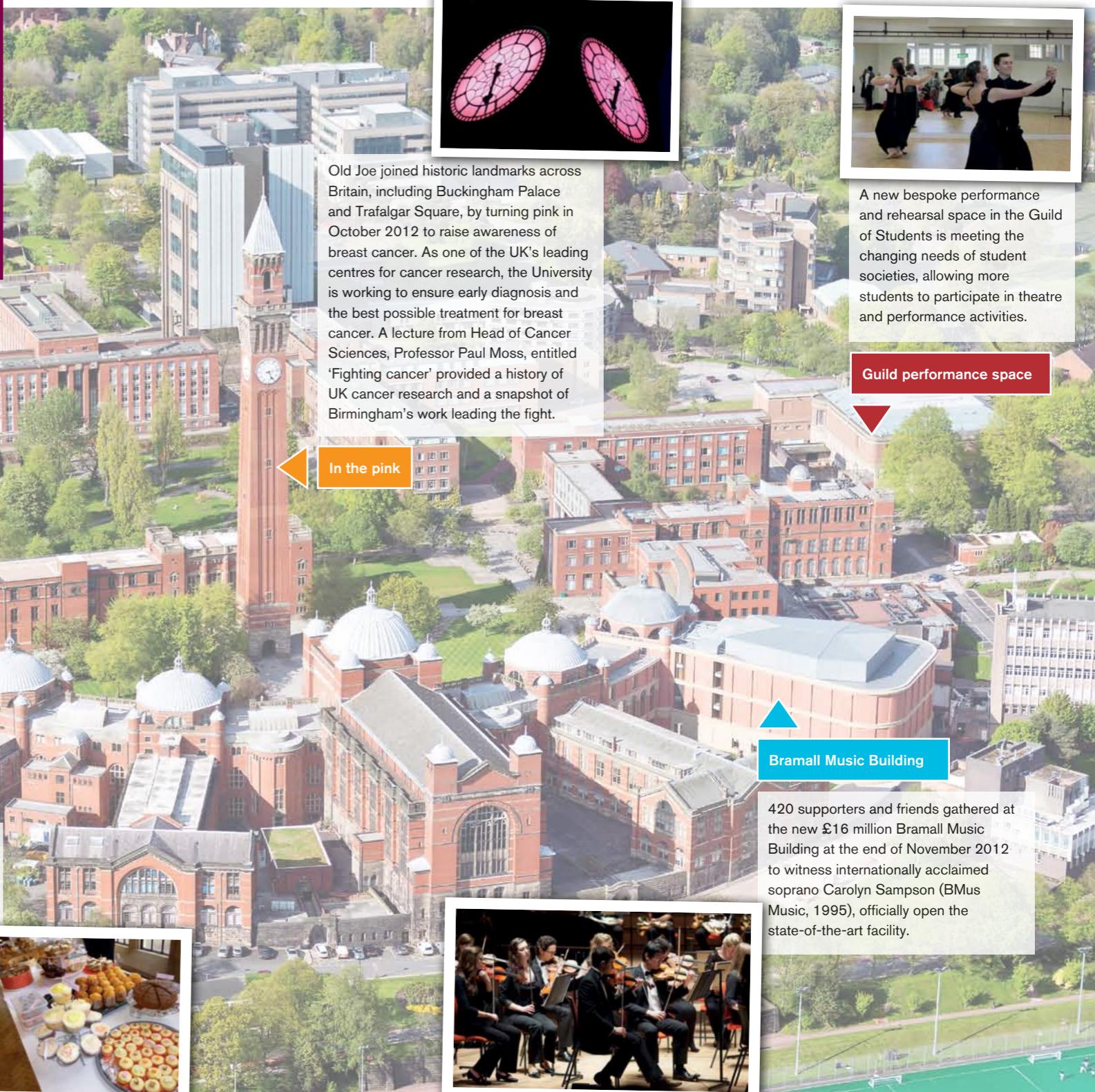
If it wasn't for the generous donations of alumni and supporters like you, I wouldn't be where I am today, following in your footsteps at the University of Birmingham.

The Access to Birmingham (A2B) scheme has changed my life. The thought that there was someone out there who was willing to invest in a guy like me is overwhelming. This time last year, my mum was really ill and I was looking after my little brother, the house and studying. University seemed like a distant dream. But thanks to your generosity, I was able to continue in education and hope to make a positive impact on the world.

This is the reason I applied to be an Annual Giving student caller as I get to fundraise for other students like me, who wouldn't be able to come to university without your gifts. As you will see over the next few pages in *the Difference*, we are changing lives here at Birmingham. Your gifts, no matter what size, from £2 to millions, are having a transformative impact. I really enjoy my job as a caller as not only do I get to play a small role in giving back to the people who have helped me and fundraise for such great projects, but I also get to speak to alumni like you and hear about your memories of Birmingham and your advice for the future.

On behalf of everyone your gifts have supported over this past year, I want to say a massive thank you. You have made my dreams come true and are continuing to change lives around the world. Thank you.

Judah Chandra,
Donor, A2B scholarship recipient
and student caller
First Year BA Social Policy



Off campus



Delhi delegation

An undergraduate delegation travelled to the Academics Stand Against Poverty conference at the University of Delhi, India. The students learnt about the daily challenges faced by the global poor, met activists, academics and NGO representatives, and saw the vital research taking place to tackle these problems and how they can play their part back in Birmingham.

Seeing the light

Dental students have been given an unrivalled opportunity to learn innovative filling techniques and train with specialised equipment. The new light-curing equipment, MARC (Managing Accurate Resin Curing), is improving clinical technique by enabling assessment of the effectiveness of fillings.



Shakespeare Institute Summer School

English undergraduates benefited from a behind-the-scenes insight into Shakespeare at a special alumni-funded summer school. Acting workshops and cutting-edge research showcased the Bard's relevance today.



e-Library

Access to a bespoke audio-visual library of learning resources is now available to medical students to help develop their specialised research skills. Many students complete their research abroad so the innovative online library ensures students have access to the best research support available and the opportunity to revise and develop their skills throughout their studies.



To make a donation to *Circles of influence*, use your mobile phone (see page 8), complete and return the enclosed form, or visit our website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/giving. Alternatively, call +44 (0)121 414 8894 to give or +44 (0)121 414 7957 with any queries.

The volunteers spanning the student journey

Alumni gave more than 3,000 hours of their time to the University last year – much of it directly helping students. Alumni and students told us why they help and the impact this can have. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kerrie Holland via alumnioffice@contacts.bham.ac.uk



How will **you** be remembered?

Almost three-quarters of people in the UK give regularly to charities and yet only 7% remember them in their Will. You can do great things with a legacy to Birmingham.



Christine Thomas (BSc Geography, 1984), a former teacher and educational consultant, lost her battle with secondary bone cancer last year after her breast cancer spread. Christine's legacy will always live on through a gift to pioneering research at Birmingham.

'The University formed such an important part of Chris' life and is renowned for research on many types of cancer,' explains her husband David Crane. 'As a family, we wanted to support breast cancer research and Birmingham was the obvious place. We hope that it can help in some way to make a difference.'

Christine's legacy has funded an incubator for Dr Jo Morris, Senior Lecturer, School of Cancer Sciences, and her team who are conducting a new trial to improve understanding of how and why hereditary breast cancer develops. The incubator will keep cells alive, protecting them from contamination as the research is carried out.

Legacies left to the University can have a worldwide impact by funding lifesaving research such as this; supporting bursaries and scholarships for those who would otherwise be unable to come to the University; funding life-changing work experience; or improving students' learning experience by supporting the University's resources.

Whatever your legacy, Birmingham will receive all of your gift as any legacies left to a charitable organisation are exempt from Inheritance Tax.

Learn more
www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni/giving

DID YOU KNOW?



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ANYONE OVER 18 CAN MAKE A WILL

TAX FREE

APPROXIMATELY 7 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE IN THE UK DIE WITHOUT LEAVING A WILL

AS THE UNIVERSITY IS A CHARITY, YOUR LEGACY WILL BE EXEMPT FROM INHERITANCE TAX

The BARBER
Institute of Fine Arts

THE BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS WAS GIFTED TO THE UNIVERSITY AS A LEGACY

HELPING STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED IS THE MOST COMMONLY CITED REASON FOR LEAVING A LEGACY TO BIRMINGHAM



10%

ANYONE LEAVING 10% OF THEIR TAXABLE ESTATE TO CHARITY WILL QUALIFY FOR A REDUCED RATE OF INHERITANCE TAX



What can I leave to Birmingham?

■ Residual bequest

All or part of your estate's remainder after all other bequests are made.

■ Pecuniary bequest

A specified sum of money.

■ Specific bequest

A particular named item such as shares, jewellery or a piece of art.

■ In memoriam donations

Instead of funeral flowers, friends and family make a donation to the University in your honour.

In all cases you may specify where you would like your legacy to go, in consultation with the University. To leave your legacy, or find out more contact Christian Burden via alumnioffice@contacts.bham.ac.uk

What giving means to me

'I enjoyed my time as a student at Birmingham Medical School and felt that I gained much more than a degree and a leading career. I felt I had been given so much with such a profound effect on my life, that it was only right to give something back.'

Dr Sheelah James (MBChB Medicine, 1961), legator

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THANK YOU

Inspired?

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Which project will you support?

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