

YOUNG STANNERS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the Young Stanners Society throughout its third year. Over the past 12 months, we've enjoyed a fantastic programme of events, bringing members together to strengthen bonds, build new connections, expand professional networks, and benefit from shared advice. Your generosity has also continued to make a meaningful difference, helping to create opportunities for current and future students. We are incredibly grateful for your support. We hope we'll continue to see you at our Young Stanners events - and that you'll encourage your friends and fellow alumnae to come along too.



Young Stanners Winter Drinks, 2025.

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

This has been the busiest year yet for the Young Stanners Society, with members enjoying a wider range of events than ever before, many offered free of charge or at a special Young Stanners rate. From networking opportunities and careers events to College celebrations and exclusive alumni experiences, it has been wonderful to see so many young alumnae staying connected with St Anne's and with one another.

Young Stanners Winter Drinks, 2025.

A large, rectangular pizza is served on a wooden table. The pizza is topped with melted cheese, dark meat (possibly sausage or pepperoni), and white sauce. To the right of the pizza, there are several side dishes: a bowl of french fries, a bowl of salad, a bowl of dip, and a bowl of sauce. A small sign on the table reads "CUMULI PIES". In the background, there are more pizzas and a stack of plates.

At the Gaudy in September 2025, we hosted the return of the Oxford Master of Arts (MA) conferral ceremony, giving eligible alumnae the chance to celebrate this important University milestone alongside fellow graduates. Several Young Stanners enjoyed this very special occasion.



St Anne's Christmas Tree, 2025.

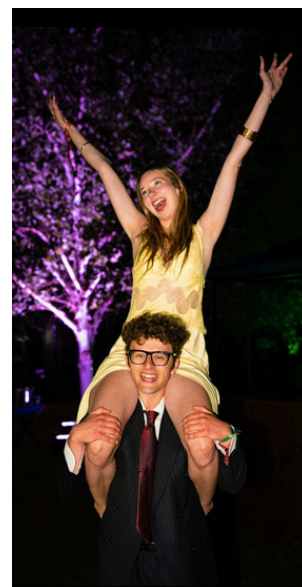
Bevington Road Reopening Event, 2026.



Several of our Young Stanners attended the reopening of our Bevington Road houses in April, when we welcomed the Chancellor of the University Lord William Hague, to cut the ribbon and celebrate this important investment in the College estate. Our guests enjoyed touring the brand new, sustainable student accommodation and a delicious Bevington Road themed lunch.

Members of The Young Stanners enjoyed priority ticket access to the College Ball this year. Organised by a committee composed of JCR and MCR members, the ball was entirely sold out and brought over 800 guests to the site. This tri-annual event was held entirely on the college grounds, and the “Celestial Bodies” theme saw huge, inflated planets dotted around the college, alongside firebreathers, palm readers and space-themed cocktails.

Staff, students and alumnae had a wonderful time, with student bands, a Queen tribute act and world-famous DJs playing across three stages, set out in the Dining Hall, the Quad and the Ruth Deech Building. With space-themed projections on the face of Hartland House, and unlimited food and drink, the 2026 ball certainly put St Anne's on the map!



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As the Young Stanners Society continues to grow, it is encouraging to see so many alumnae making the most of these opportunities to engage with College life, support the next generation of students and strengthen lifelong connections with the St Anne's community. We look forward to welcoming even more members to our events in the year ahead.



| GOLF

Following the success of this year's inaugural St Anne's Alumnae vs Students Golf Tournament, we're inviting alumnae to join us for the 2027 match on Friday 30 April at Studley Wood Golf Club, Oxford.

The first Students vs Alumnae match was a closely fought Ryder Cup-style contest, ending in a thrilling 5-5 draw before the students narrowly claimed the trophy. Now it's time for the rematch.

Whether you're a regular golfer or simply looking for a fun way to reconnect with St Anne's and meet current students, we'd love to see you at our next tournament. Please note that places are limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. To register your interest or find out more, please contact development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

| THANK YOU FROM THE MCR

The Development Office supported this year's Graduating MCR Students' Official Book Signing Ceremony in Week 8, transforming a longstanding MCR tradition into a more formal celebration of our graduating community. As well as recognising students' achievements as they marked the end of their time at St Anne's by signing the MCR's historic ledger with a glass of fizz, the event provided an opportunity to introduce graduates to the Young Stanners Society and encourage them to remain connected with the college as alumnae. For members who are unable to attend a formal graduation ceremony, the Book Signing Ceremony offers a meaningful and memorable way to celebrate this important milestone while reinforcing the lifelong relationship between graduates and the St Anne's community.

| GROWING OUR INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

The St Anne's community extends far beyond Oxford. With alumnae groups across the UK and around the world, there are plenty of opportunities to stay connected with College, meet fellow Young Stanners and build new friendships wherever life takes you. Alongside our thriving alumnae network in Hong Kong, led by Dr. Bernard Lee, we were delighted this year to launch a new network in Shanghai.



Oxford-Cambridge boat race watch party, Shanghai, 2026.

The Shanghai network shows what can happen when one alumna or alumnus takes the initiative. From dinners and cultural outings to watch parties, career networking and informal meet-ups, there are countless ways to bring Stanners together wherever you are in the world.

Could your city be next? We would love to help more alumnae start local networks. Whether you'd like to join an existing group or set up a new one, we'd be delighted to support you. Please do email development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk

New York: Click [here](#) to join.

Hong Kong: Click [here](#) to join.

Japan: Click [here](#) to join.

China

Group: St Anne's Oxford 官方中国校友群



Valid until 8/18 and will update upon joining group

Contact JdmorganSPQR (We Chat) for more information on our China group.



Community and Giving Week Dinner, Hong Kong, 2026.

A wide-angle photograph of a large, formal dinner event, likely a gala or charity dinner, held in a grand hall. Numerous guests, dressed in formal evening wear, are seated at round tables covered with white cloths. The tables are set with glassware, water bottles, and lit candles in candelabras. The room has a high ceiling with a green-painted upper section and large windows on the right side that look out onto a city street. The walls are clad in vertical wood slats, and the overall atmosphere is elegant and sophisticated. In the top left corner, there is a red banner with the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' in white capital letters.

To register your interest or find out more,
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| BECOME A MEMBER

What is the Young Stanners Society and how do I join?

The Young Stanners Society is a group for St Anne's College graduates who finished their degree within the last 10 years. Members have access to networking, careers support, and discounted events.

- Free entry to two networking drinks events each year (one in London and one in Oxford)
- Discounted or free entry to events in College
- Access to career events (both online and in person)
- Mentoring opportunities
- Updates about job openings and internships
- A yearly newsletter
- Priority access to networking events for certain careers (such as Law or Finance)
- A Young Stanners metal lapel pin

You can become a member by donating to the Young Stanners Fund. Please consider making a regular donation to the Young Stanners Fund, we suggest £5 monthly.

Set up a regular gift

You can make a one-off donation which allows membership for one year.

Make a one-off gift

*If you have just graduated, your first year of membership is free

*We want to be inclusive. If you're having financial difficulties, you can email stacey.kennedy@st-annes.ox.ac.uk to discuss becoming a member without making a donation.

Where does my donation go?

Your donation will have a real impact.

All donations to the Young Stanners Fund go directly to our students - paying forward your St Anne's experience to the next generation. The Fund provides hardship grants that enable students facing unexpected financial difficulties to remain focused on their studies instead of worrying about day-to-day costs. It also supports bursaries, hardship grants, welfare services, teaching, and student clubs and societies, directly improving students' university experience.

One recent bursary recipient explained that donor support prevented them from running out of money, enabled them to buy essential textbooks, participate fully in College life, and focus on succeeding in their law degree. By giving to the Young Stanners Fund, you're helping today's students access life-changing support through bursaries, hardship funding, welfare, and student opportunities.

| MAKE A FREE WILL ONLINE WITH TAYLOR LUCAS

Have you considered making a will? Making a will is one of the most important steps you can take to protect the people and causes you care about and it's never too early to do so. You and your immediate family can access a free will-writing service through the University of Oxford's trusted solicitor partners, Taylor Lucas.

The service is safe, secure and completely free of charge for a standard will. While we hope you might consider remembering St Anne's in your will, there is absolutely no obligation to leave a gift to the College in order to use this service. For reasons of confidentiality and data protection, the solicitors will not inform us if you have made a will or chosen to include a gift to St Anne's.

If you do decide to leave a legacy to the College, we would be delighted if you let us know so that we can thank you personally and welcome you to The Plumer Society, which recognises those who have chosen to support St Anne's in this special way. We now have alumnae who are members of both The Young Stanners Society and The Plumer Society. Find out more online, or contact development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

One Young Stanner (2016) shared her experience:

"Although there was absolutely no pressure to leave a gift to St Anne's in my will, I was delighted to do so. Knowing that I can support future generations of students while becoming a member of The Plumer Society made it a very meaningful decision."