

## Wadham Connects, February 2021

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## Diversifying Oxford

More than 70% of Wadham's 2021 offers to UK-based undergraduate applicants are to state school pupils - overwhelmingly from non-selective schools. College Warden Ken Macdonald QC welcomed this news saying: "We are thrilled to see so many promising young people from all backgrounds having the confidence and the ability to apply and receive offers to study here," he said. "It is heartening that our emphasis on our access programme, generously supported by our alumni and friends, is having a real effect on the number of applications we receive from talented young people who would not previously have considered Oxford."

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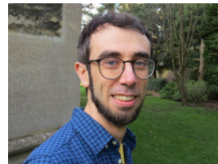
## Meet Sir Roger Penrose

Emeritus Fellow and Nobel Prize winner Sir Roger Penrose joined Wadham in 1973 and it was not long before his colleagues realised the extraordinary breadth of his vision. Read more about his fascinating career and join him at our event on Feb 18.

[A man of vision](#)

## Vaccinating the world

"It has been forty long days and nights since the first person was immunised against COVID-19 and we have not yet provided any vaccines to the developing world - we have a big task ahead." Daniel Thornton (PPE, 1987), Gavi, shares the challenges of vaccinating the global south.

[Vaccinating the world](#)

## ERC funding for Wadham Fellow

A €2 million European Research Council grant, has been awarded to Wadham Fellow Dr Francesco Licausi to establish an Oxford plant sciences group to better understand oxygen sensing and the response to hypoxia.

[ERC funding](#)

## Essay prize-winners

Undergraduates Rebecca (Human Sciences), (pictured), Mia (History) and Ben (Lit Humaniores), share highlights from their prize-winning essays focussed on anthropology and disease, Michelangelo's Ignudi, and the plays of Paul Shapera.

[Prize-winning essays](#)

## Forthcoming Virtual Events

2 Feb: [Looking the Part: history's power to change the view](#), Wadham Fellow in History, Professor Jane Garnett, in conversation.

4 Feb: 1610 Society Event: [Corporate Strategy in the Pandemic](#) with Professorial Fellow Colin Mayer, Jojo Sanders (PPE, 1999) and Aneeqa Khan (PPE, 2005).

18 Feb: Meet Sir Roger Penrose in conversation with the Warden and watch a Q&A with Melvyn Bragg (History, 1958) - details coming soon

3 March: Wadham Human Rights Forum: [Compensating victims of Nazi persecution](#) with Honorary Fellow Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC (Law, 1961)

Every Sunday: [Evensong from Wadham Chapel](#) | [Oxford Coffee Concerts](#)

#### Events

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Sir Roger Penrose, Emeritus Fellow discusses the passage of time; John McCall MacBain (Law, 1980) named 20th Chancellor of McGill University, Michael Rosen (English, 1965) shares his experience of contracting COVID 19; Maheshi Ramasamy (DPhil Paediatrics, 2010) discusses the adult clinical trials of the Oxford Covid19 vaccine, Why should we care if humans die out asks Wadham Fellow in Philosophy Tom Sinclair, Wadham Research Associate Dr Rebecca Brown discusses on immunity passports. [More](#)

#### Headlines



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