The Little Book of BIG THANK YOUS
“Saying thank you seems such an obvious thing to do but it is particularly special for me in my first year as Vice Chancellor. I want to thank everyone who has enabled so many projects to take place here at Warwick.

For example, this year, we became a founding partner in the first national National Tommy’s Centre for Early Miscarriage Care and Research (NEMC). It was support like yours which helped to impress the people we were appealing to for large amounts of funding.

As you turn the pages, I hope you will see just what a difference you’ve been able to make to so many lives. Thank you for your support which is changing lives every day, even those which haven’t even started yet.”

Professor Stuart Croft
Vice Chancellor and President

Financial year 2014-15

Over £12 million donated in total including:
- £5.5m scholarship and campus life
- £4.2m science and the environment
- £1.9m medicine
- £187k local and global responsibility
- £142k areas of the greatest need
- £40k the business world

107 lives changed with scholarships

£99k raised for the first Singaporean Scholarships

40 people came to our first open evening for Cancer Research

1965 the class of 1965 are funding special anniversary scholarships

1463 children and 20 trainee teachers ‘Took Part in Art’

1134 volunteers and mentors
Your donations help us offer a holistic programme of support to our scholars, from financial aid to careers advice and group activities.

“It is a remarkable thought that a stranger is willing to provide support for students in order to facilitate and encourage a successful experience of university. I think it is an exceedingly kind act and I hope to one day be in the position to give a similar gift to other students like me.”
Matt Mould, Benefactors’ scholar, BSc Mathematics and Physics

“I am delighted to support a scholarship and to help Matt make the most of his time at university. There are many talented students like him who struggle with the cost of attending university and are often unable to fund an internship or take part in clubs and societies. This puts them at a real disadvantage to their peers, and can ultimately impact upon their career aspirations. I’m therefore very happy to support a scholarship programme that seeks to provide a comprehensive system of support and guidance for students and ensure that there is an equality of opportunity on campus.”
Ann Cottis, Benefactor and Warwick alumna, BSc Mathematics 1973

41 Benefactors’ scholars at Warwick thanks to you

warwick.ac.uk/newchances
“…For my funding, friends, and new chances!”

“I’m studying Law at Warwick and am part of the Multicultural Scholars’ Programme (MSP). The scholarship has let me reduce my hours at my part-time job in order to concentrate on my studies, and helped me to join clubs and societies too. The weekly meetings with other scholars really helped me make friends early on which took away any initial worries I had about starting university.

The other things I’ve found really useful were our CV workshops, interview skill workshops, and visits to law firms like Clifford Chance. They’ve given me the knowledge and skills to secure a successful legal career in the future.

I would like to take this time to thank you for your donations which help us grow and achieve more.”

Nabeelah Begum, MSP scholar, Law

Did you know?
There are 24,683 students at Warwick, including 13,864 undergraduates and 9,540 postgraduates.

66 MSP scholars at Warwick thanks to you
warwick.ac.uk/newchances
“...For helping me find what I wanted to do with my life”

Your donations helped to fund 37 scholarship students from lower-income backgrounds to take up work experience placements last year:

“I spent 17 days shadowing a barrister at the Manchester Exchange Chambers. The bursary made it possible for me to travel backwards and forwards from Manchester on the train. It also gave me the belief that if you want to do something that is a bit unpractical or out of your reach, it is still very much possible.”

S.P., Modern Languages

“The bursary covered my accommodation costs. Without it I could not have done this valuable work and been so sure of what direction I want to take in my future career. I am therefore, very grateful for it. Thank you.”

Anonymous

You helped another 37 young graduates take up internships, 70% of which led to long-term jobs:

“This internship has literally changed my life. I had no idea about what I wanted to do when I graduated, but through this internship programme I found the perfect fit for me, and I have just accepted a permanent role with the organisation.”

Anonymous

Finally - over 1,132 alumni have volunteered as mentors this year.

Thank you for helping so many people get started in roles across all industries and professions.

Would you like to be a mentor? Sign up today at warwickgrad.net

Pictured: a young researcher in our Molecular Cell Biology labs. Gifts like yours help fund Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme (URSS) placements, letting undergraduates experience research and make valuable contributions too.
Through Warwick in Africa you are helping young Africans to escape poverty thanks to improved Maths and English skills.

Each summer Warwick volunteers travel to Ghana, Tanzania and South Africa and through their inspirational teaching deliver significant improvements in performance, ambition and motivation for learners and their teachers.

- 280,000 learners have benefited from our teaching since 2006
- Learner test results improve by an average of 57%
- 75 talented Warwick volunteers are getting ready to go to Africa this summer

“...For helping me get 80% in maths – thanks to the Warwick in Africa volunteers!”

“Great teachers indeed. I was an average learner in mathematics but this term I managed to get 80%”

Veronicah, Learner

“The experience has made me more confident, independent and has given me a ‘say yes’ attitude to life.”

Rachael, Volunteer Teacher

“As a personal growth experience, I do not think the programme can be questioned or understated, it was honestly one of the best six weeks of my life.”

Tim, Volunteer Teacher

Find out more:
warwick.ac.uk/warwickinafrica
“…For a challenge which changed my life”

Warwick in India is a small community project in Delhi, where students visit and teach a range of subjects, training local teachers too.

“Laksh has made me realise that the little things count. Although not a huge project, what it lacks in scale, it more than makes up for in terms of enthusiasm and commitment to its students. It’s influenced my future plans; I’m now going to study macroeconomic development in Economics and would like to pursue a career in international development. I cannot overstate how much the project has influenced my priorities and outlook on so many things in life, and I’m so grateful and thankful to everyone who’s made it possible.”

Jasmine
Student Volunteer

“I think one of the biggest challenges was leaving my assumptions and preconceptions at the door when it came to trying out a new idea. A great reward from the project was witnessing first hand the improvements amongst the quality of teaching across the schools. My time in India reinforced in me how I want to work to improve children’s lives. From July, I will be working as a Children’s Social Worker.”

Matt
Student Volunteer

Read more at warwick.ac.uk/laksh
“My mum was born in Paris and grew up in a county at war: life was difficult, food was scarce, and when she was fifteen, her own mother died too. She was determined to succeed though. After the war she met my dad; they married in 1951 and moved to the UK, living in London and then Birmingham.

Mum was a French teacher and in 1971 she decided to take a French degree at Warwick. She succeeded with an impressive 2:1 (given that many exams were in English!) and then worked at Solihull College until she retired, an exceptional teacher who was much loved and very proud of her students’ achievements. She was so bright, lively and lovely; proud of her grandchildren and involved in every swimming gala and football match.

In 2007, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Slowly but surely, her energy and spark drifted away. At first she knew things weren’t right, and she’d say “je suis une petite fille” - “I am a little girl”. But she still kept smiling and for us that was important.

She was passionate about Warwick and wanted to leave a gift in her Will too; it’s something we talked about a lot. I’m glad that her gift will support Alzheimer’s research and hope it helps more families in future too.”

Claire Clifford
In memory of Félicité Dormer (1928-2015)

Read the memorial in full at warwick.ac.uk/felicitedormer
Earlier this year, Warwick staff and students donated over £2,000 and tweeted their #CoolCapSelfie photos to raise funds and awareness for cancer research at Warwick. Thank you to everyone who was involved - and to Paxman Coolers for matching the first £1,000 of donations too!

Watch out for next year’s fundraiser: [warwick.ac.uk/coolcap](http://warwick.ac.uk/coolcap)

“…For helping cancer patients keep their hair”

“Hair loss is one of the most psychologically damaging side-effects of chemotherapy, and we want to fix it with the first-ever clinical trial into ‘cool caps’, improving their effectiveness and rolling them out for use across the UK. Thank you to everyone who’s helping us do this.”

Professor Annie Young
Professor of Nursing
We recently welcomed Professor Murray Grant, who recently took up the position of Elizabeth Creak Chair in Food Security in the School of Life Sciences.

The post has been funded by The Elizabeth Creak Charitable Trust, which was established in memory of Elizabeth Creak, the first female High Sheriff of Warwickshire, who ran one of the country’s largest and most successful dairy farms for a number of years.

Professor Grant’s research will contribute to the sustainability of the agriculture industry in the UK through research, education and public engagement.

“The Trust’s support will make a significant difference to our research and impact programme focused on the crucial issue of Food Security. We have teams researching into all aspects of plant health, production and basic plant biology.”

Professor Laura Green
Head of the School of Life Sciences

“I am extremely excited by this opportunity. Warwick’s the ideal place for this kind of multidisciplinary research, with strong Mathematics and Chemistry Departments. Warwick Crop Centre provides the unique ability for translating findings from the lab into the field.”

Professor Murray Grant
Elizabeth Creak Chair

“...For helping us create disease-resistant crops”
The Cultural Learning Alliance believes that people from low-income families who take part in arts activities at school are three times more likely to get a degree. Students who engage in the arts at school are twice as likely to volunteer and are 20% more likely to vote as young adults.

Last year, your donations to Warwick Arts Centre helped 1,463 children and teachers to ‘Take Part in Art’ - just one of our innovative outreach programmes.

Read more at warwick.ac.uk/art-outreach

“…For giving chances through art”

“At Warwick Arts Centre, we want to increase life chances through art. We run projects across schools and campus, from dance clubs to art tours and drama productions. Your gifts pay for craft materials, minibuses, and workshops - every penny counts and we are so grateful.”

Brian Bishop
Education Director, Warwick Arts Centre
“…For being with us for the journey”

Your sneak peek at the new Warwick Arts Centre

From the day our doors opened in 1974, Warwick Arts Centre has played a treasured role at the heart of the region. Generations have enjoyed world class theatre, classical and popular music, laughed alongside top comedians, introduced children to the magic of family theatre, been transported across cultures through the medium of film or visited our dedicated gallery for the contemporary visual arts.

Now we need to transform the way people can enjoy and engage with us for the next 40 years. As public funding declines, Warwick recognises its role in championing the Arts. We’re passionate about inspiring audiences through arts, culture, entertainment and learning for many years to come, and we’re grateful to every donor and supporter who’s helped us come this far already.

Our vision is to:

► Create a new, dynamic engaged Arts Centre for the 21st century: a place where physical and digital experiences are one, and where live performance is immersive and involving.
► Celebrate great contemporary art and share it with more people, ensuring that the arts remain relevant for new generations and that we’re a destination for all.
► Build upon our legacy and ensure our financial sustainability for the next 40 years

Watch this space as our plans for this treasured venue unfold.

Excited? We are…

warwickartscentre.co.uk
THANK YOU

for changing lives with Warwick

For every gift to every project, every mentor, every minute spent on the phone advising student callers and for all the help over the years to come as well.

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