

An invitation to invest in the future of Oak Hill



**Oak Hill
College**

Faith in an age of fear

Every age has its own problems, but the challenges facing Christians and churches in these early decades of the 21st century seem formidable.

Many of us are fearful. We fear an aggressive secularism. We are fearful of other religions. We fear the impact of social media on our young people, and the technology advances which affect us all. We fear that worse than being an offense to people, we are simply irrelevant.



'I went to Oak Hill with clear convictions about scripture and the gospel. But the college gave me a depth and confidence I didn't have before, because of the opportunity to dedicate myself to study. The depth and confidence I gained is key now in my ministry. It's shaped who I am as a minister.' Revd Steve Rees, Vicar of All Saints, Crowborough

How do we replace fear with a confident faith? How do we demonstrate hope in a hope-less world? How do we proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus in a way that both engages and confronts our culture?

The good news is that after 2,000 years, the Lord Jesus is still gifting his church with pastors, teachers, evangelists and gospel leaders who will ensure the church is built up, united and Christ-like.

Why Oak Hill exists

That's why Oak Hill exists. Our mission is to serve those who respond to God's call by preparing them for a lifetime of ministry and mission in Britain and around the world.

There are many ways to prepare for ministry, but we're convinced that the best way is to be **immersed in a learning and worshipping community for a dedicated and rigorous time of training and formation**. We give students the time and space they need to study, debate, reflect, pray, and grow in love for Christ in the fellowship of others.

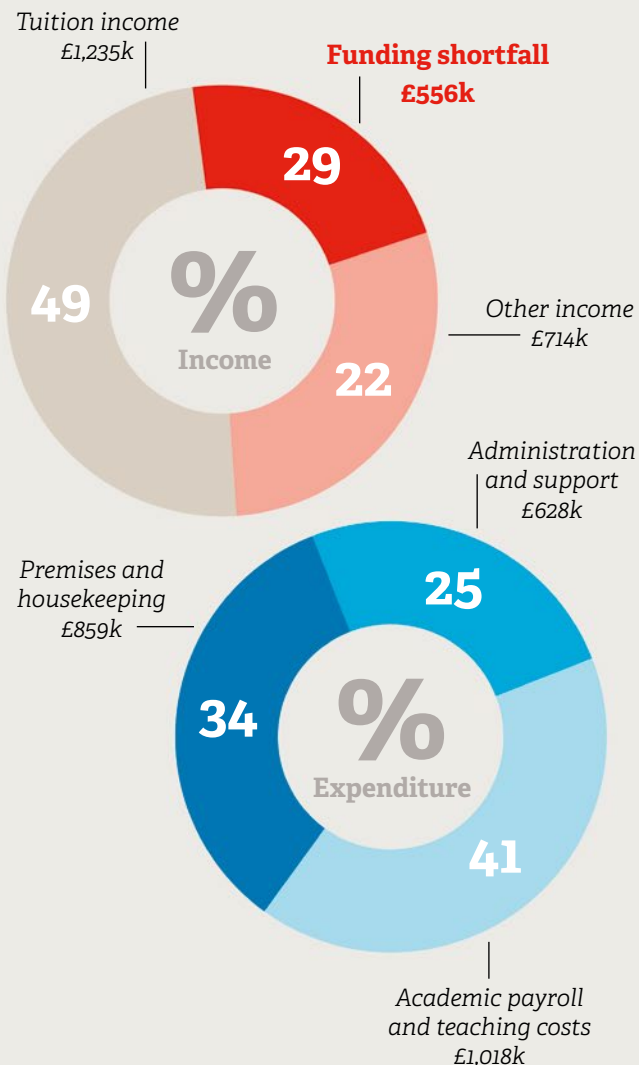
Our programme is integrated and innovative, equipping students to know and love God's Word more and so being able to know and love God's world more. Our ambition is for each of them to be the best possible gift for Christ to give to his church.

Oak Hill is unique

There isn't another theological college in the world like us. We have equal numbers of Anglican and Independent students. They learn to appreciate they

OUR FUNDING SHORTFALL

Here is a breakdown of Oak Hill's income and expenditure, according to the most recently audited accounts.



are brothers and sisters in Christ together, and their training prepares them for future partnerships in the gospel. Oak Hill students go out into Britain and around the world, and their depth of training equips them well for the challenges they face, and keeps them rooted in the Word of God.

But in the current financial climate, we face a challenge, and it's a big challenge

It's costly to train people in this way. The cost of study at Oak Hill is greater than our students are able to pay or raise themselves. The gap between what students can afford and the cost of training them is between £4k and £5k per year, per student.

That makes the annual shortfall for all our students £556k per year.

And that's why we are appealing to our partners in the gospel – the churches and leaders who have a strong relationship with us – for help.

You can help us in three ways

Firstly, **please pray for us**. We need your prayers, and knowing that our friends are praying for us is a huge encouragement. We regularly post our prayer requests on oakhill.ac.uk/prayer and via the PrayerMate app – please join us!

Secondly, **please remember us in your financial giving**. Your support for Oak Hill, especially if it is



'If we believe the gospel is the power to change people, we want to be equipped to speak of it well. That's why it's important to spend time thinking through the big theological questions and how to apply the scriptures in different situations.'

Gabrielle Samuel, women's and youth worker, Brixton Local Church

expressed through year-on-year giving, will help us train the leaders the church will need for the challenges which lie ahead.

Thirdly, **please partner with us as a church**. We are looking to build strong, long term, effective partnerships with the churches we serve. As part of our relationship, please consider sending us your promising future leaders for theological training. One of the ways you can best serve your people, and the wider church, is by giving your future leaders




'When we send someone to Oak Hill as a church, we commit to pray for them, to support them financially, and we invite them to come back and preach. One of the great joys is recognising how much they have grown in their convictions, and in their confidence as a Bible teacher. It's why the congregation is so willing to give financially to each person. We see the fruits of where that prayer and money is going.' Neil Powell, Church Planter, 2020 Birmingham

the training they need to establish them in a lifetime of ministry.

The times we live in are highly challenging. That's why the training of our pastors and teachers needs to be deeply rooted in the gospel.

Please partner with us as we serve the kingdom of God together.

A portrait of Tim Keller, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a blue shirt and a dark jacket, smiling slightly. The background is a blurred city street.

**I've been an admirer
and a beneficiary of the
ministry of Oak Hill for
years, and often cite it
as a model for effective
and faithful theological
education.'**

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