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Message from The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andrew Hamilton



I should like to offer my warmest congratulations to Vincent's for their 150th Anniversary in 2013. Vincent's has flourished like few other Oxford clubs and societies, since it was established by W B Woodgate in a room above a small printer in Oxford. For want of a better name that printer was immortalised by the choice of his name for a club which is known and respected throughout the world. What distinguishes the Vincent's community is its commitment to "fellowship", the criterion for selection above all others, which creates lasting friendships, and intense loyalty to the Club. It includes prime ministers, senior politicians and officials, leading businessmen and financiers, eminent surgeons, judges and QCs, Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors, and, of course, many Olympians. They have done much to enhance the reputation of the University.

I welcome the Club's commitment to playing an enhanced role in Oxford sport and within the local community. Scholar athletes have a crucial role in the outreach of the University. Their enthusiasm and dedication, allied to their sporting distinction, can make an enormous impact on schoolchildren of all ages.

I also believe that the combination of sport and academic studies is a wonderful foundation for students wishing to make a mark in public life. Scholar athletes have a head start in life over many others who have not had to display the determination, mental application and often courage required to compete at the highest levels of university sport.

I am extremely glad that Vincent's is making such a magnificent effort to celebrate this historical landmark and to take radical steps to propel itself into the future, through the V150 strategy and campaign.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Hamilton'.