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Leading entrepreneurs donate £45,000 to support students in Oxford School of Hospitality Management

Three of the UK hospitality industry's leading entrepreneurs – Professor David Levin, Jeremy Mogford and Bev King – have donated £45,000 to help ensure a transformative learning experience for students in the Oxford School of Hospitality Management at Oxford Brookes University.

Focused specifically on extra-curricular activities relating to food, drink and culture, the funding will support students' involvement in the Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival, volunteering on social enterprise programmes in Kenya and Romania, as well as international field trips.

David Levin, Visiting Professor in the Oxford School of Hospitality Management, is proprietor of the Capital Group, which includes the acclaimed Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge, the London Bakery and the Levin Winery in the Loire Valley, France. For more than fifteen years David has been one of the most consistent and generous supporters of the Oxford School of Hospitality Management. In addition to a major financial donation to enable the complete refurbishment of Brookes Restaurant, David has shared his experience, has mentored staff and students and provides graduate opportunities.

Jeremy Mogford, proprietor of Oxford-based venues the Old Bank Hotel, Quod, Gees and the Old Parsonage, supports Oxford Gastronomica, the School's specialist centre for food and cultural studies. In particular, he hosts the Oxford Gastronomica Dinner at the Sunday Times Oxford Literary festival, and sponsors the Mogford Prize for Food and Drink Writing.

Following a distinguished career in hotel general management, Bev King is now the founder and owner of Z Hotels, which in less than three years has set new standards of comfort, design and service in the city-centre budget hotel sector. Drawing on his extensive experience, Bev provides mentoring support to students at Oxford Brookes.

Donald Sloan, Head of the Oxford School of Hospitality Management, commented, "*We are overwhelmed by the support from David, Jeremy and Bev. Their donation will give students access to extraordinary learning experiences in different locations worldwide. Once again, they have shown their commitment to nurturing the future leaders of our industry*".

Information on the Oxford School of Hospitality Management

The Oxford School of Hospitality Management is the leading European higher education institution in hospitality management. Part of Oxford Brookes University, the top modern university in UK according to the Sunday Times University Guide, OSHM enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation, as well as strong links with business and industry. The School is ranked number one in the UK for hospitality management education (Taylor Nelson, Sofres, 2011); top in Europe for hospitality research; and top in the world for research productivity (Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research, 2012).

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