The John Maples America Fund

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THE DOWNING COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

The John Maples America Fund has been established in memory of Downing alumnus Lord Maples by the generosity of Scott and Laura Malkin and Jane Maples.

John Cradock Maples, Baron Maples

John Cradock Maples 1961 read Law at Downing and he served as a career politician in Britain. He was Economic Secretary to the Treasury in government (1989 – 1992) and was Shadow Minister for Health (1997) followed by Defence then Foreign Affairs (1998 - 2000). He was created Baron Maples of Stratford-upon-Avon (2010) and continued to work on foreign and economic issues in the House of Lords.

While at Downing he had an active extra-curricular life: specifically he was prominent in "Footlights". Soon after his education at Downing he spent time in the United States which began a lifelong connection to the country personally and professionally first at Harvard Business School and then in the world of commerce and politics. The John Maples America Fund is established to encourage the same intellectual and cultural exchange of ideas for future Downing students.

The Fund supports the travel and maintenance costs for Downing students during a summer placement, internship or other vacation study project - in the broad areas of business, law, politics or international relations - that takes place in the United States.

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