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# Dorchester Patrons



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Since its foundation in 1518, the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has assembled an internationally significant collection of artworks, books, medical artefacts and manuscripts. We are custodians of over 5,000 paintings, drawings, miniatures and sculptures, and we preserve more than 100,000 books and manuscripts in our Heritage Library.

Our mission is to conserve our collections, facilitate academic research, and educate and inspire the public about medicine and medical careers. Our permanent displays attract over 32,000 visitors every year.

We also curate temporary exhibitions and make frequent loans to museums around the world. Our public programme has included late night tours, life drawing classes, craft workshops, object handling sessions, creative writing lessons and transcribathons.

Unlike many museums, we receive no public funding and we make no charge for individual admission. The RCP makes a block grant each year for essential work, but we rely on outside support to maintain the richness and variety of our public engagement.

This includes our schools programme, which uses the collections to introduce 11–18-year-olds to the development of medicine; the range of jobs available in healthcare today; and the skills, qualities and knowledge needed to succeed.



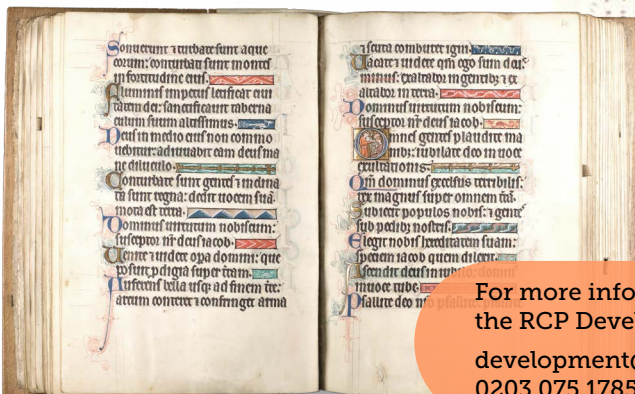


# The Dorchester Patrons

The Dorchester Patrons are the most committed supporters of our Library, Archive, and Museum, who generously make an annual gift of £600 a year (benefit value £120; discretionary donation £480).

The Patrons are named in honour of Henry Pierrepont, first Marquis of Dorchester. Lord Dorchester bequeathed his library of books to the college in 1680, on condition that the collection would never be broken up or sold. It remains one of the finest intact philosophical libraries of the Enlightenment period.

The RCP recognises the support of Patrons in a number of ways, including offering a programme of special curator-led tours, ranging from the archive strong room to the collection stores. Patrons are invited to a special preview before the public opening of each exhibition, and to an annual tea party with the Harveian librarian. They receive a Patrons' newsletter and are acknowledged in both the annual report and in a dedicated *Patrons' book*, held in the RCP Archives.



For more information, please contact the RCP Development Office  
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# Dorchester Patrons form

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Please pay the Royal College of Physicians Direct Debit from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguard assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this Patrons form may remain with the Royal College of Physicians and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

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I enclose a cheque for £600 made payable to the 'Royal College of Physicians'.

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To make a donation by phone, please call the RCP Development Office on 020 3075 1785.

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Please transfer £600 to the following bank account quoting your name as a reference.

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