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INTRODUCE

最近，据《卫报》报道：牛津大学和剑桥大学所拥有的房产、捐助、投资，以及其他资产加起来高达210亿英镑，折合人民币约1800亿元。牛津大学总资产为91亿英镑，折合人民币约为776亿人民币。其中，校方拥有32亿英镑，牛津大学36个学院共拥有59亿英镑。剑桥大学总资产为118亿英镑，折合人民币约为1006亿人民币。其中，校方拥有49亿英镑，剑桥大学31个学院共拥有69亿英镑。剑桥大学的三一学院成为最富有的学院：公布的资产总额高达13亿英镑。相比较之下，牛津最富有的圣约翰学院“仅有”6亿英镑的资产。  
据一些学院财务主管说，尽管总资产看起来很漂亮，但是学校可以在哪方面用钱却受到了严格的限制。一些基金是为专门目的而拨下的，不少捐赠者也会明确说明资金用途并列出限制条件，而一些较为古老的学院每年还要耗资修缮颇具历史气息的建筑。  
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无用系数：★★☆☆☆

**生词或其他词语的陌生用法**

**生词好句：**

**1.**staggering /ˈstæɡərɪŋ/: adj. 惊人的；令人震惊的  
· if something is staggering, it's very shocking/surprising. And we usually use "staggering" when we're talking about a large amount of money.  
· It costs a staggering amount of money to rent an apartment in Beijing.  
· It's a luxury hotel, so the price of a room for one night is absolutely staggering.

**2.**piece together /piːs/: 拼凑；渐渐弄清 (真相)  
· if you piece something together, you create something by joining the different parts; you join the separate parts together to make one thing.  
· The ancient dinosaur skeleton has been pieced together from many different pieces found over the years.  
· The boss has done a great job in piecing together a wonderful team.  
· Detectives are collecting **clues** in order to piece together the details of the murder.  
**3.** Oxbridge /ˈɒksˌbrɪdʒ, ˈɑːksˌbrɪdʒ/: n. 牛津大学和剑桥大学  
· Oxbridge is the word we use when we want to say Oxford and Cambridge university.  
· I'm going to take my Oxbridge entrance exam next week.  
**4.** top the table: 位居榜首；名列第一  
· to be in first place / (in the position of) number one in a list or table  
· Manchester City won the game on Saturday, and once again, they now top the table.  
· London tops the table for the number of tourists visiting England.  
**5.** be heavily restricted /rɪˈstrɪktɪd/: 受到严格限制  
· if something is heavily restricted, then it has very strict and severe limits.  
· Car parking is heavily restricted in the city center.  
· The number of tourists allowed to visit this temple each year is heavily restricted.  
**6.** considerable cost(s) /kənˈsɪdərəbəl/: 成本高昂  
· if something has considerable costs, it's very expensive.   
· Many small businesses are now closing because of the considerable rent costs in the city.  
· The company plans to open a new factory in the countryside to avoid the considerable rent costs of the city center.

Oxford and Cambridge university colleges hold £21bn in riches

Britain's ancient universities of Oxford and Cambridge have access to a **staggering** pool of wealth totalling almost £21bn, a recent report has revealed.

The report, which examined audited accounts to *piece together* the estates, **endowments**, investments and other assets – including artworks and antiques – held by nearly 70 colleges and institutions shows the full extent of Oxbridge's remarkable wealth.

Trinity College, Cambridge, is the wealthiest of the individual colleges with published assets worth £1.3bn in its latest accounts. In Oxford, St John's College *tops the table* with close to £600m in assets.

But college **bursars** said that while these numbers may look impressive, in many cases colleges were heavily restricted in how they could use these assets. In some cases, the funds *were reserved for* specified purposes, such as funding fellowships or student support, with conditions set by donors centuries beforehand.

Many of the more **venerable** colleges, such as Christ Church, Oxford, or King's College, Cambridge, also faced considerable costs in ***maintaining*** their ancient buildings and grounds.