

## Pottery from St Peter's College, Oxford (Site OXPETE16)

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The pottery assemblage comprised 31 sherds with a total weight of 734g. It was all post-medieval, and was recorded using the conventions of the Museum of London Type-Series (eg. Vince 1985), as follows:

<b>BORDG:</b>	<b>Green-Glazed Border Ware</b> , 1550 - 1700. 6 sherds, 156g.
<b>FREC:</b>	<b>Frechen Stoneware</b> , 1550 – 1700. 7 sherds, 107g.
<b>LONS:</b>	<b>London Stoneware</b> , 1670 – 1900. 1 sherd, 69g.
<b>PMBL:</b>	<b>Post-medieval Black-glazed Redware</b> , 1600 – 1900. 4 sherds, 172g
<b>PMR:</b>	<b>Red Earthenwares</b> , 1550+. 8 sherds, 145g.
<b>RAER:</b>	<b>Raeren Stoneware</b> , 1480 – 1610. 1 sherd, 26g.
<b>TGW:</b>	<b>English Tin-Glazed Ware</b> , 1600-1800. 4 sherds, 59g.

The pottery occurrence by number and weight of sherds per context by fabric type is shown in Table 1. Each date should be regarded as a *terminus post quem*. The range of fabric types is typical of sites in the region, and consists of a mixture of utilitarian and display vessels.

The sherd of TGW from context 270 has sponged purple manganese decoration on the exterior of what was almost certainly a mug. Such vessels with this finish were a staple product of the London tin-glazed industry in and around the third quarter of the 17<sup>th</sup> century (Orton 1988, 321). The sherd of LONS from context 248 is the neck of a late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> century “rum jar”.

All the pottery is in reasonably good condition, and appears reliably stratified.,

*Table 1: Pottery occurrence by number and weight (in g) of sherds per context by fabric type*

Cntxt	RAER		BORDG		FREC		PMR		PMBL		TGW		LONS		Date
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
Test Pit					1	18					1	7			U/S
248					1	4	1	5					1	69	MOD
270			1	8			2	10	2	30	1	4			M17thC
290			3	109	4	70	2	35	2	142	1	5			17thC
291			1	37											M16thC
294	1	26	1	2	1	15	3	95			1	43			M16thC
Total	1	26	6	156	7	107	8	145	4	172	4	59	1	69	

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