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CXD HOLDS LETTERS TO THE FUTURE

Conservation by Design (CXD) has supplied eight bespoke boxes to hold 800 letters to the people of 2109 as part of Cambridge University Library's 800th anniversary celebrations.

University staff and students, people from the wider Cambridge community and senior academics from around the world all took part in the 'Letters To The Future' project by writing to their opposite numbers 100 years from now.

Their messages, which touch on subjects ranging from climate change and global recession to the X Factor, were sealed and stored at a ceremony attended by Her Majesty The Queen.

Geoff Morris, Head of the 800th Anniversary Year celebrations at the University of Cambridge, said: "The Anniversary has been a unique opportunity to celebrate Cambridge's achievements to date, but it is also about looking forward to the future. The 'Letters To The Future' project will leave a wonderful and fascinating legacy to members of the University and the Cambridge community as a whole when they come to celebrate its 900th birthday in 2109."

The eight one-piece drop spine boxes, designed and developed by CXD especially for the project, each holds 100 envelopes. The envelopes are separated by plastazote foam inserts as dividers to help keep them in pristine condition. The boxes were manufactured by CXD in Bedford on its CAD Kasemate machine; using EcopHant green recycled acid-free board.

Rachel Cooke, product sales manager for Conservation By Design, said: "It was an honour to be involved in such a unique project which will transport the hopes, thoughts and dreams of today to a future generation. Our Kasemate technology meant a bespoke conservation storage solution could be created, which will keep the letters in pristine condition when they are opened in 100 years time."

Conservation By Design has over 16 years experience in supplying the world's leading museums, libraries and archives with the highest quality archive systems to offer long term storage and protection for some of the world's finest treasures. The company offers a comprehensive range of high quality conservation storage and display products, equipment and furniture.

For more information, samples and a detailed specification on each of the products, call 01234 844 360 or visit www.conservation-by-design.co.uk

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