



Wellingborough School Foundation



Funding Bursaries



Why Bursaries?

An exceptional education is one of the most precious gifts that you can give a child, but for many parents an independent school education is not financially viable. At Wellingborough we have always taken our charitable status seriously and through Scholarships and Bursaries, have endeavoured to broaden access by offering assistance to able children from the local



community, regardless of family circumstances.

This ethos has vastly enriched school life – enhancing everyone’s experience, adding to the learning process and equipping pupils with social and cultural diversity that will prepare them for life beyond the school gates.

Another important aspect of our charitable work has been the support given to existing pupils who, through bereavement, family breakdown or job-loss, find themselves faced with having to move at a time when they are badly in need of continuity and stability.

Funding

The demand for Bursaries has never been greater and in the last few years we have made a determined

effort to increase our level of funding. There is, however, a limit to what we can fund solely from income. We have taken positive steps to put our own house in order. With the appointment of an Enterprise Manager, we have also begun to look at how we can increase our commercial income with a view to benefiting many aspects of school life, including the Bursaries Fund. But we still need the invaluable support that has consistently come from our ‘school family’, the wider community of alumni, parents, grandparents and other friends. Your support, large or small, whether by a one-off donation or a regular payment will be much appreciated.

An Endowed Bursaries Fund

Unlike support for a particular project, such as a building or the Annual Fund, bursaries are a continuing cost throughout the life of a pupil. The most effective long-term plan is to invest the capital in the form of an Endowed Bursaries Fund, and use the income to support the pupils. In this way, even the smallest donations will continue ‘in perpetuity’, rather than simply be absorbed. In this way, whatever you give, it will live on.





How are Bursaries Assessed?

Our assessment procedure combines an objective appraisal of family financial circumstances, using a process drawn up by the Independent Schools Bursars' Association, together with an understanding of any other relevant circumstances. Awards can be from small amounts per term, right up to full fees. Once awarded, bursaries are subject to an annual review and can be adjusted, or removed completely if circumstances change. Parents commit to advise the school of any material change in circumstances and are expected to maintain confidentiality over the details of the arrangements.

Finally, and most importantly, we expect the pupils to make satisfactory progress and to contribute to the wider life of the school. Should either of these conditions not be met then again, consideration would be given to withdrawing the award. In this way we try to ensure that the available resources are used in the most appropriate manner.



What to do Next?

If you would like to support us in our commitment to Bursaries, please complete the enclosed form and return it to: The Wellingborough School Foundation, Wellingborough School, Northamptonshire NN8 2BX.

Cheques should be made payable to **Wellingborough School.**

Alternatively, you can go to the Foundation section of the School's website where you can either make a donation on-line or complete an electronic version of the donation form. (*Available April 2010*).

We would also be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in supporting other aspects of life at Wellingborough. In the first instance, please ring 01933 233441 or write to the Foundation Director at the address above.

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