

# Wycombe Abbey Annual Fund 2012/2013



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The aim of the Annual Fund Appeal is to increase the size of the Bursary Endowment Fund and provide additional resources that will enhance and broaden the life and educational experience of Wycombe girls. The participation of donors has been a huge success: since 2007 when the Fund was launched, we have raised almost £482,000 and every gift, large or small, has made a difference.

Each request from a member of staff for funding from the General Fund is carefully considered by the Senior Management Team and our intention is that benefits are spread throughout the School with purchases and events progressed speedily in order to be enjoyed as soon as possible. The most important criterion is that pupils' lives are enhanced either academically or pastorally.

The girls have benefited enormously from the huge variety of purchases the Fund has enabled, every one of which would not normally be available from School budgets. The list of items and projects is a long one; these are just a small selection of them: widescreen televisions and wiis for all Houses; projectors and screens for Big School; Junior House baking sets; Art cameras; Geography weather station; Sabre equipment; Clarence tree bench; software for the LVI Management Conference; Poet Laureate lecture; Book Club books; Maths wireless slates; inaugural Science Symposium; Chess Club equipment; Sports software; House practice pianos; Wycombe Abbey Nature Trail and tree trunk sculpture; orienteering course equipment; 81 toboggans; Languages video camera; outdoor benches for Houses; Learning Support audio visual library; House cameras; Classics books and display cabinet; Drama laundry.

The generosity of donors has made all this and much more possible and with purchases ranging from the smallest baking set for Junior House to bigger projects such as the Nature Trail, everyone who gives knows that their donation will have an effect.

Donors may also direct their donations to the Wycombe Abbey Bursary Fund and thanks to those who have chosen to do this we have increased the Fund by over £209,500, enabling able girls to benefit from a Wycombe education regardless of means.

Thank you



*Barbara Armitage*

*Director of Development and Alumnae Relations*





During the last academic year £45,462.50 was donated to the Annual Fund. We invite donors to choose whether they would like to direct their gift to the General Fund, or to increase our bursary provision. Those who give to the General Fund enable us to purchase equipment that will have an immediate impact on the pastoral or academic lives of current pupils. These items, which are not possible to purchase through School budgets, enhance the lives of our girls, and ensure that they have the best School experience possible.

## General Fund

### Requests from staff that were agreed during 2011/2012 included:

- Community Cottage Garden Project
- House Window Box Competition for all Houses
- Games for Daws Hill Houses
- Wii for Abbey Houses
- Grand Piano cover for Campbell
- Classic novels, chessboards plus timers, and Come Dine With Me events for Rubens
- Giant Bean Bags for Airlie
- House Board games
- Badminton/Volley Ball Posts, camera, photograph frame and mini-computer with accessories for Junior House
- Modern Foreign Languages Mandarin Lecture
- Lego Architecture Kit for History of Art
- Mediaeval costumes and games for History
- Cup stacking equipment for Maths
- Picnic Tables for Sports Centre
- Netball dresses and lifesaving training equipment for the Sports Leadership Awards programme
- Samba Percussion Kit and Bass Flute
- Camera for Chapel and community activity
- Gazebo weights
- Camera and Accessories as central resource



# Bursary Endowment Fund

The Bursary Endowment Fund benefitted from gifts totalling £25,825 during 2011/2012.

These gifts play their part in changing the course of a young woman's life. The Bursary Fund allows us to offer a Wycombe Abbey education to any girl who is bright and able to succeed, regardless of her parental income. Through this opportunity, she is able to fulfil her potential, and go on to make her own contribution to the world.

These donations help us to support Dame Frances Dove's wish for a School that believes in helping others and supporting the wider community. We are very grateful to our donors who give the gift of a Wycombe Abbey education to girls who would otherwise be unable to fulfil their academic potential.

*I know a number of successful professionals who have benefitted from bursaries from their schools in the past, and thank God for these bursaries because the world is a much better place and a much richer place for the contributions that these individuals make to society.*

**Sheela Mackintosh, Current Parent**

*We are grateful to donors to the Annual Fund, who enabled our Come Dine With Me event for the LIV Rubens girls. It was a fantastic evening, with delicious food, great company and a really convivial atmosphere.*

**Melissa Wrinch, Rubens Housemistress**



*The games and costumes for the History Department have been a tremendous asset to our U111 Mediaeval lessons. Students have loved playing with skittles, jacks and quoits and even our bow and arrows! These additions bring fun but also a genuine new aspect of History to the girls. We are very grateful to the Annual Fund for their purchase.*

**Sarah Tullis, Head of History and Government and Politics**

*The 40-piece Samba Percussion Kit has enabled us to broaden the experience we give girls. It provides excellent rhythmic training as well as being great fun, and we will hear the first performance by a big group of U111 girls in this year's Summer Concert. Thank you, Annual Fund!*

**Lawrence Tubb, Director of Music**



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