



THE MILTON ABBEY FUND



While unique in our educational offering, Milton Abbey is still a relatively young school without the valuable financial support of a significant endowment. The Milton Abbey Fund was established last year to enable the School to continue to grow and develop in line with the 2020 Vision* and provide additional income for investment in the future. The key pillars of the Fund are:

- **Bursaries and Scholarships** – supporting pupils with the greatest need and ability
- **Academic Excellence** – providing outstanding learning and teaching facilities
- **Music, Sport and the Arts** – supporting activities that enrich the experience of our pupils
- **Buildings and Conservation** – ensuring the historic School site is developed, renovated and maintained for the future

“ We received help from the School to support both our sons at a difficult time in our lives and in return we felt that making even a modest regular contribution was important to us. Both boys are pursuing artistic careers – one in classical art and the other in creative digital design – so we have chosen our donations to support the Arts at the School. ”

Charles Roskelly – Current Parent

*The 2020 Vision can be found on the School website or you can request a copy of the document via development@miltonabbey.co.uk

Making a Difference

Through the Milton Abbey Fund every donation, whatever its size, can make a difference to the education of our boys and girls. Making a regular commitment to give, either monthly or annually, is particularly valuable to the School as this provides a steady and predictable stream of income, which allows us to plan for the future and fully support our 2020 Vision. A number of our donors already make regular gifts to the School which allows them to give generously whilst reducing the impact on their finances by spreading their gift over regular instalments.

Those who support the Milton Abbey Fund will be included in our Annual Giving Report in the year(s) of their gift and all donors will be recognised through our stewardship programme.

Investing in the Future

As one of the UK's most innovative independent boarding and day schools we need the support of our alumni, current and past parents, Governors and friends to help us ensure Milton Abbey continues to flourish, whilst maintaining its unique spirit and ethos.

By supporting the Milton Abbey Fund you will be contributing to the future quality and security of the School. We invite you to invest in the future of Milton Abbey for today's pupils and future generations.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss supporting the Milton Abbey Fund, please contact the Development Office on **01258 882234** or email development@miltonabbey.co.uk

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As highlighted in several articles in the national press this year, pupils at Milton Abbey do indeed follow a different pathway compared with other schools. Our reputation for producing budding entrepreneurs and for giving our pupils the strongest start to their career through our unique 18-24 Business Pathway is gaining national recognition. Our parallel pathways A Level and BTEC offer still provides the widest range of options in the independent sector, allowing our pupils to follow their strengths and interests whilst achieving a range of vocational skills and academic qualifications.

To enable us to maintain this unique educational offer we rely on the vision of those who are willing to invest in the future of the School by supporting us through the Milton Abbey Fund. The Fund allows us to provide the facilities, activities and support that our pupils need to help them reach their full potential and leave the School as young adults ready for the work place.

It is reassuring to see that Milton Abbey is leading the way in true entrepreneurial fashion at this time of great educational change and I very much hope you will join us on this journey by supporting the Milton Abbey Fund. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Magnus Bashaarat
Headmaster



FUNDING PRIORITIES 2016 / 2017

Last year, the Milton Abbey Fund helped to support a number of projects that are of immediate benefit to our pupils. These included new arts and crafts tools for Countryside Management, a 3D printer for Design Technology, equipment for the New Barn Theatre, a new scrum machine for rugby and funding towards some new portable lights for evening and winter sports activities.

THE FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

Bursaries

Reflecting the School's independent charitable status, we currently allocate around 8% of fee income to provide bursarial support to pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend or whose circumstances merit support to remain at the School. The Milton Abbey Bursary Programme aims to provide support to both new and current pupils.

Academic Excellence

- Professional camera and green screen for Creative Media Studies – **£1,800**
A professional video camera will enable pupils to create high quality, professional level film production work. We aim to work with businesses and charities to produce films they can use and therefore a high spec camera will ensure footage is of the best quality to facilitate this. An enhanced green screen will also mean that pupils will be able to include a new level of special effects in their productions, which will provide a greater range of opportunities when planning their films and will equip them with a wider range of editing skills.

Digital microscope and visual display for Science – **£1,500**

The visualiser and microscope will enhance our delivery of cellular biology topics by enabling a whole class to see a high quality image of an object at the same time. The visualiser will allow us to display objects on the whiteboard and will give us the capacity to capture still images and videos for annotation and discussion.

New lathe for Design Technology – **£1,100**

Whilst it is important that pupils learn new and relevant technologies, using the lathe is a traditional skill that we offer and a craft that many pupils enjoy. Pupils use the lathe to turn traditional wood products, often from wood sourced from the School grounds, and some pupils have combined modern technologies with traditional wood turning to produce new and exciting pieces for their exam work.

Music, Sport and the Arts

- GoPro camera, software and equipment to aid sport video analysis – **£1,000**
As part of our BTEC Sport we want to help pupils to develop their practical analytical skills so they are able to use video analysis technology in a variety of scenarios. A camera and equipment with this capacity will enable pupils to familiarise themselves with this technology and learn how to develop their skills more effectively.

Refurbishment of the Steinway Grand Piano – **£20,000**

The Steinway B grand piano, currently housed in the King's Room, is the Music Department's greatest material asset. The King's Room has become our primary recital space for pupils, as well as visiting musicians, and we want to ensure that they have the opportunity to perform on and be accompanied by a top quality piano. The piano has never been fully serviced since it was built, back in the 1970s, and it now needs to be fully and professionally refurbished to bring it back up to performance standard.

Buildings and Conservation

Alongside the priorities outlined above, our major capital building programme continues, which remains focused on the new Centre for Countryside and Equine Management and the new Gallery and Art Centre. If you would like any further information on either of these projects, please contact the Development Office.

Support where it is needed most

Unrestricted donations to the Milton Abbey Fund are particularly valuable as they give us the flexibility to respond quickly to the areas of greatest priority and need.