



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 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



“ I decided to set up a monthly gift because I want to invest in the future of the pupils at this amazing school. Being able to add value to the pupils' education beyond the classroom and giving them more opportunities to develop their individual skills by having extra equipment, extra facilities and extra curricula pursuits is all part of what sets Milton Abbey apart! ”

Helen Franks – 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 the 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 and, in due course, on our Donor Boards in the School.

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 ongoing growth and development 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 we enter the fourth year of our annual appeal, it is heartening to look around the School and see the many areas where our pupils have benefited as a result of the generous support we have received for the Milton Abbey Fund, ranging from stage equipment in the New Barn Theatre, and mobile lights for Sport to tools and equipment for Countryside Management, Creative Media, Science and DT. Through the Fund, over £80,000 has been raised in the past three years to enhance the activities and facilities that benefit our boys and girls.

Supporting these projects through the Milton Abbey Fund is part of our mission to find the spark that will light a passion in all our pupils, whether that is in the classroom, Hospitality kitchen, theatre or on the games field. Alternatively, it could be down at the School Farm, as a passion for the countryside and for outdoor education are key features of life at Milton Abbey. This year's appeal aims, in particular, to support Land Based Studies, including the School Farm and the Pheasant Shoot, which are such an important part of many of our pupils' lives. The Shoot is also a fantastic draw for our former pupils through the alumni shoot days.

I am enormously grateful to all of you who have chosen to support the Fund over the past few years, especially those of you who have made a commitment to the appeal through a regular monthly gift, and I hope those of you who have not yet joined the appeal will do so this year. Thank you in advance for your generous consideration.

Magnus Bashaarat
Headmaster



FUNDING PRIORITIES 2017 / 2018

Last year's Fund helped to support a number of projects that have been of immediate benefit to our pupils, including a professional camera and green screen for Creative Media Studies, a digital microscope and VDU for Science, a new lathe for DT and a GoPro camera and equipment for sport video analysis. Thanks to additional funds raised we have also been able to purchase a feed store for the School Farm and put some money towards the refurbishment of the Steinway Grand Piano. We are extremely grateful to the Parents' Association (MASPA) for their support of the Fund through various events this year and, in addition to the above projects, we are also hugely grateful for specific donations received for equipment for the Art Department, new mobile lights to help sport and activities on darker evenings, and funds to purchase new trees to plant around the site.

THE FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

Bursaries

Reflecting the School's independent charitable status, we currently allocate around 6.5% 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

- New Kubota to support Land Based Studies – **£15,000**

The use of a Kubota for the Land Based Studies department is vital for supporting the delivery of the BTEC courses. The Kubota is frequently used for moving equipment to practical lessons, particularly in remote areas of woodland, and for moving pupils and staff around the site. On shoot days the Kubota carries a game rack and supports the health and safety requirements of a busy shoot day. Alongside this, the Kubota can be used to tow small farm trailers around the school site and, in the future, will be used to tow the rake for the new riding arena.

- Lamb Weigh Crate for the School Farm – **£600**

The School Farm is home to sheep and pigs, which are raised with the assistance of the pupils, and the meat then sold directly to parents and staff. A weigh crate would allow for accurate assessment of the condition of the animals and, very importantly, link directly to the BTEC curricula for both the Equine and Countryside Management courses. The pupils are required to plan and monitor feeding and gain an understanding of how farm animals are reared for the table. A weigh crate would allow us to deliver the best teaching possible in order for the pupils to directly benefit by enhancing the curriculum and their experience.

- Hospitality Kitchen Equipment – **£2,000**

A number of key items are desired for the Hospitality Kitchen, which will help pupils to improve their skills in a number of different areas. These include a Blast Chiller for rapidly cooling items when working with Patisserie, a Smoker and Vacuum Pack machine for making products such as smoked trout, which the pupils also sell at School events, and a number of Bread Provers to help pupils learn to control the proving process when making bread.



Music, Sport and the Arts

- Golf Launch Monitor – **£3,000**

This is a realistic and real-time golf practice and play system that connects wirelessly to a mobile device or computer and then accurately captures and displays launch data and ball flight as soon as the ball is hit. This equipment will give pupils instant feedback on every shot and help them to develop and improve their technical skills. As it will be located indoors, this will also enable pupils to practice in poor weather and can be used as a simulator allowing pupils to play courses during the new evening programme, especially when it is dark outside.

Buildings and Conservation

Alongside the priorities outlined above, support for our major capital building programme is focused on securing the remaining funds needed for the new Centre for Countryside and Equine Management, the new Gallery and Art Centre and the Equestrian Arena. If you would like any information on any 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.