



A 25 year vision for Bursaries



THE KING'S SCHOOL  
CHESTER

# Our bursary funds help students thrive.

**KING'S IS NOT A RICH SCHOOL.** WE DO NOT HAVE LARGE RESERVES AND ENDOWMENTS SITTING IN THE BANK LIKE SOME OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS. THE FEES PAID BY PARENTS EVERY TERM, FINANCE THE DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL AND ENABLE KING'S TO MAKE GRADUAL, RELATIVELY SMALL IMPROVEMENTS TO CURRICULUM OR BUILDINGS AND SOME SUPPORT FOR BURSARIES.

Bigger scale developments such as the astroturf, music school and other developments, which happened when we moved to co-education in 2003, have been funded through the business plan and bank loans.

In very special cases, King's can fund bigger projects such as the Vanbrugh Theatre in 2011 or the Library in 2000. But these were only made possible by the generous donations and legacies of parents and former pupils.

Now, as we look forward, we are turning to you to help us support the young people who will become the leaders and inspirational figures of the future. We aspire to offer access to King's for many more of our region's brightest young people.

Before the School moved to full independence, most pupils' places were funded by grants from the City and County of Chester. After this move, the Government Assisted Places scheme also ceased. However, King's has continued to support bursaries by setting aside a proportion of income each year for children who would truly benefit from a King's education.

As things stand today, we receive a large number of applications for bursaries from talented and academically-gifted children every year. Unfortunately, we are in the heart-breaking position of only being able to offer a tiny handful of bursaries and have to turn away children even though they passed the entrance examinations. We do not want to do that any more. We want to

increase the bursary funding available, so that we can offer more bursary places.

Information about pupils benefitting from bursaries at King's is confidential, of course, but the Bursary Trustees and individual benefactors do get reports of their progress, with the students remaining unnamed.

These reports show that our bursaries are without doubt a brilliant success. The pupils who benefit are often amongst our top performing students. They embrace the opportunity the bursary affords them and give back 100%.


We want and need more of these pupils in our school. Their commitment and energy is an inspiration, and benefits the whole King's community. We are so much richer for their presence.



Chris Ramsey  
Headmaster  
to September 2017



George Hartley  
Headmaster  
from September 2017



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# Looking to the past, present – and future.



King's is a wonderful school as those associated with it would agree; pupils, staff, former pupils or parents.

OUR HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME ON TWO DIFFERENT SITES; THROUGH THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE REFORMATION, CIVIL WAR, TWO WORLD WARS AND OTHER MOMENTOUS OCCASIONS IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

greater numbers – but the sentiment of the founding ethos still resonates with us today. King's A Level and GCSE results and our success in helping students to get places at their university of choice are getting better every year. Around 80% of recent leavers have gone on to one of the top 30 universities in the country.

Over 475 years from our foundation, King's shines brightly as a beacon of educational excellence and a community of learning in Chester, the North West of England and North Wales.

Our crowning glory, of course, is the success and achievement of our students, and our vision today is to become the top co-educational school in the North West. As we move ever closer to this goal on the academic front, we need to ensure that our facilities are first class – and that access to a King's education is true to the original vision of 1541. Back then, our founder's aim was to educate "24 poor and friendless boys". Today, both girls and boys are educated at King's, of course – and in much

We are incredibly proud of this progress on the academic front. But it is also beyond the classroom where our students really shine, attending the top universities, making extremely valuable contributions in their professional lives and subsequently giving back to the world as their careers develop.

King's has produced many famous and eminent alumni, from scientists to actors, from economists to Olympians. On one thing, we believe they would all agree that their education at King's gave them the foundation for their future achievements.



# Our vision.

## To raise £30 million by 2041

enabling us to provide 100 extra bursaries and help support 20% of our Senior School pupils.

Currently we help around **51** families annually – **27** full bursaries and **24** assisted places.

**But we need to do more, much more, as we strive to be...**

The premier academic school for children of the city and region, regardless of their ability to pay fees.

A school that represents the whole community; not only helping children of families who require full bursaries, but those hard working middle income families who also need our support in part-funding their child's education.

An engine of social mobility. A school where children from a wide range of backgrounds in Chester and beyond, get an education that so many former pupils have enjoyed, and that could change their lives.

In order to achieve this vision, our aim is to create **100** extra places by **2041** – **44** full bursaries and **56** assisted places.







# The gift of education will colour their lives forever...

Kate Robson



"I find it very difficult to put into just a few words the impact of the opportunities and experiences that my bursary at King's has granted me in the last eight years. Without such support I would have been unable to access the genuinely wonderful teaching, higher education encouragement and university application assistance that have proved invaluable in reaching a competitive university.

It is not an exaggeration to say that I would have been unable to secure such a place without not only the excellent teaching, but the working mentality that King's has taught me. For me, the importance of growing up and being influenced in such a working environment is immense as I feel it is a skill that needs to be learned early on in life. Education is one of the most important gifts you can give someone as it has an impact that lasts a lifetime.

When I reach the point in my life at which I can give back to King's, I will not hesitate to help a student financially through the School, even if it means a partial bursary. The excellent education that my school

provided is a gift that I have endless gratitude for. The opportunity has allowed me to discover and follow my love of politics to a brilliant university.

Not only has King's provided me with this opportunity, but the School managed to grant my twin sister and older brother the same privilege. Our family could not have been luckier, and it is only through the help of generous beneficiaries that this has been possible."

Gabriel McCluskey

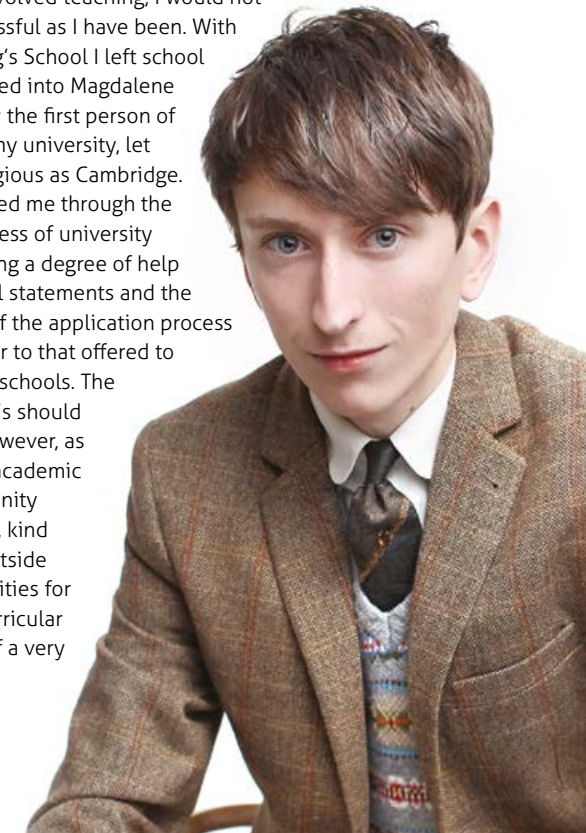


"Without the bursary programme at The King's School I would not have had the opportunity to attend the School whatsoever. Even at the basic material level the cost of the fees compounded by the expense incurred in commuting from the coast of North Wales each morning would have been too great. This bursary, therefore, inestimably aided my transition from free schooling to the public school system proper.

The opportunities offered by this bursary have undoubtedly transformed my life. I was given access not only to some incredibly motivating and inspiring teachers that greatly aided my education, but also a school environment that – unlike others I have been exposed to – encouraged academic excellence and did all it could to facilitate such achievements.

From my first day at King's I was encouraged in every academic sphere to read beyond the subject, discover knowledge for myself and improve my understanding of the subject. Indeed, the School facilitated my outside extracurricular endeavours to the extent that I

was permitted to do additional Ancient Greek GCSE in the examination halls, which were often opened solely for my benefit. Without such encouraging and involved teaching, I would not have been as successful as I have been. With the help of The King's School I left school having been accepted into Magdalene College, Cambridge; the first person of my name to go to any university, let alone one as prestigious as Cambridge. The School supported me through the entire arduous process of university application, providing a degree of help with UCAS, personal statements and the other miscellanea of the application process that was far superior to that offered to my friends at other schools. The atmosphere at King's should not be mistaken, however, as entirely fixated on academic success: the community is also very friendly, kind and accepting of outside pupils, and the facilities for sports and extra-curricular activities are also of a very high quality."



# Helping to fund a King's education.

**£4,500...**

will fund one free place for one term

**£13,000...**

will fund one free place for a year

**£26,000...**

will cover all costs for one bright individual to study for their A Levels

Every donation, large or small, can help...

**50 people**



giving **£22** per month or **£66** per quarter

or

**40 people**



giving **£27** per month or **£81** per quarter

or

**20 people**



giving **£54** per month or **£162** per quarter

or

**1 person**



giving **£1,080** per month or **£3,250** per quarter



Join our 2041 Circle and join others to fund a bursary together by donating £2,000 per year, enjoying extra benefits and events.



Request our legacy booklet for more information about leaving a gift in your will.

By gift aiding your donation, King's will receive an extra 25p for every £1 you give.

...guarantees access to a King's schooling for one bright young learner for an entire year.

# Our donors are an inspiration to all of us...

“For me, King's is not just a school, it is also a family. My association with The King's School is a long one. I attended the School from 1942 to 1949. One of my grandchildren – followed in my footsteps, attending between 2007 and 2012 and today my daughter Janet sits on the School's Board of Governors.

My years at King's were punctuated by the onset of WWII, yet despite the tumultuousness of this difficult time, the School did its utmost to maintain excellent academic standards and I have always been thankful for the solid all-round education which I was provided with.

As a long-standing donor, I have often been asked why I donate to King's. My answer is rather simple. By giving to King's, I hope my donations will help our school to remain a family and continue to attract bright minds who will go on to do great things.”

**John Douglas**

“Supporting King's is important to me as it allows me to give something back to the School which gave me so much. It gives me the opportunity to make a difference in a much broader way than I would be able to achieve on my own.

As a proud Old King Scholar, I simply think it's the right thing to do to share whatever time, talent and spare resource one can to help those with the talent and tenacity to make the most of what King's offers.”

**Garri Jones**



John Douglas



Garri Jones

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