



Blundell's

Pro Patria Populoque

Annual Fund 2011/12

Enhance & Enrich



Introduction



As the Chairman of Governors, I am writing to you all regarding the introduction of the Annual Fund.

The Annual Fund is an increasingly important element of Blundell's

development programme. The objective of the Fund is to encourage members of the Blundell's community to become directly involved in the life of Blundell's on a regular basis. With a manageable and regular donation to the Annual Fund you can make a real difference to the educational experience of current and future pupils.

I am sure that you will agree that education is about sharing experiences, the friends you make and the values you learn. By broadening the environment from which our pupils are drawn we enhance the education offered to all.

I hope that you will feel able to join me in participating and supporting the Fund for the first time this year. Thank you for your consideration.

With very best wishes.

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David Fursdon
Chairman of Governors



Throughout its history Blundell's has benefited from a strong spirit of philanthropy from many benefactors, thus contributing enormously to the School's successful development here in beautiful Devon.

In order to build on this success we are launching the Blundell's School Annual Fund. This Fund enables us to invest in a number of projects chosen each year to enhance and enrich the educational experience for our pupils whatever their interests or enthusiasms. The Annual Fund also enables us to increase the number of Peter Blundell Foundation Awards, which are directed towards the parents of gifted pupils who ordinarily would not have been able to afford a place for their child at this wonderful school, thus reflecting the wishes of Peter Blundell himself.

The strength of this programme lies in your generosity; I would therefore encourage you to make a donation.

Thank you.

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Ian Davenport
Head Master

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Our goal is to continue investing in every aspect of school life, delivering the highest standard of education to present and future generations of Blundell's School pupils.



Your gift to the Annual Fund will help us to fund the following projects this year:

Peter Blundell Foundation Award Provision

We are passionate about providing the best possible education to the broadest range of pupils.

Donations to the Peter Blundell Foundation Award provision have already helped to change the lives of a number of children but we would like to do more. Providing talented young people, who are restricted by their means, with much needed bursary support remains a top priority at Blundell's; that is why it will remain a focus for the Annual Fund every year.



Purchase of new Pianos

Piano teaching in the Music Department has always been of a very high standard enabling many pupils to achieve the highest grades, or qualifications beyond grade 8. Most of the pianos used specifically for piano teaching are likely to be played for about a thousand hours over an academic year.

Funding Requirement £3,500.





Science Telescopic Equipment

Physics continues to be a popular subject among pupils, this photo demonstrates the enjoyment gained by this group of Yr 13s whilst using a refracting telescope. Astronomy is a large part of physics in lessons across every year group learning about space. An Alpha telescope will enable pupils to view and take pictures of the sun bringing some of the more theoretical parts of the curriculum to life.

Funding Requirement £3,500.



“Every gift, no matter how large or small, makes a genuine contribution to the continued success of the School.”

Pre Prep and Prep School Playground Equipment

There is nothing the children across at the Prep School campus like doing more than playing outside in the beautiful grounds. Whether it is climbing a fortress or swinging from the Monkey Bars, they enjoy every minute. Not only does playground equipment provide fun for the children during playtimes, but it is also a valuable educational tool. Cooperation games, group challenges and fitness training are just a few examples as to how equipment can be used.

Funding Requirement £5,500.





“Gifts to the Annual Fund are especially powerful because they go to work immediately.”

Equipment for the New Fitness Suite and Activities Programme

The building of a new fitness suite on to the sports hall is a much needed facility and will be available from the start of the January term. Physical fitness is very important for pupils, enabling them to participate in a wide range of activities on and off the games fields. It is with this in mind that the School would like to support the installation of ‘top quality’ machines for the fitness suite. We would also like to secure additional canoes for the Blundell’s Activities programme, permitting more pupils to participate in one of the more popular outdoor challenges, the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race.

Funding Requirement £6,000.

Ondaatje Hall Enhancements for Theatre productions

It is hoped to purchase a range of new LED lanterns for the Hall to enhance the delivery of the huge range of productions staged in the Hall and enable flexible directional lighting to display our productions at their very best. Blundell’s is developing a reputation for training pupils in technical theatre with some going on to study this subject at Drama School.

Funding Requirement £4,500.





Lathes for Design & Technology

As an integral part of the projects conducted throughout years 7 – 13 and to enable bespoke coursework projects of a very high standard, lathes are constantly required. They are precision instruments and teach pupils valuable engineering skills. *Funding Requirement £5,000.*

Where it is needed most

If you are undecided where to lend your support, then simply select the 'Where it is needed most' option on the enclosed gift form and we will allocate your donation to the project with the greatest need.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

By giving to the Annual Fund, additional resources will help our pupils gain the very best from their time at Blundell's. Progress will be published in an Annual Report where your name will be listed. If you wish to remain anonymous, please state this clearly on the gift form.

Whatever choice you make, you can be assured that the Development Office will honour your decision in line with its policy of putting its donor's views first.

Ways to give

Regular Gifts

Regular gifts can be made monthly, quarterly or annually for any number of years. By making a donation in this way you provide Blundell's with a regular income that enables us to plan ahead and use your donation more efficiently.

Single Gifts

Single gifts can be made by bank transfer or by cheque. CAF cheques are also welcome.

Share and securities

Gifts of shares are particularly tax efficient as they are free of Capital Gains Tax and you can set the full value of your gift against your Income Tax liability.

Matched Gifts

Many companies worldwide match the donations their employees make to charities. Ask your HR department whether they would sponsor this scheme and increase your gift at no expense to yourself.

Including the School in your Will

Those who remember Blundell's in their Will join a long lineage of benefactors who have chosen to make this most personal of gifts in order to help future generations.

Legacies made to Blundell's are exempt from Inheritance Tax in the UK because the School is a registered charity. A legacy is simple to put into effect by adding a codicil or making a revision to your existing Will. Independent legal advice is essential in ensuring a legacy is made in the most appropriate and tax efficient way.

Gift Aid/Corporate Tax

Blundell's is able to reclaim the basic rate of tax (currently 20%) on your gift. For a gift to be made by Gift Aid, you need to pay UK Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that Blundell's will reclaim on your donations in the tax year. Higher rate taxpayers can reclaim the difference between the higher rate and the basic rate of tax on their annual tax return whilst company donations may be offset against corporation tax, making charitable giving hugely tax-efficient.

Every gift makes a difference

The Annual Fund's aim is to provide the resources to fund modest and achievable projects that enhance and broaden the life and educational development of our pupils.

All of the funds raised are spent on the target projects for that year, allocated according to the preferences and wishes of the donors.

Questions and answers

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The School is not able to achieve all of its goals from fee income alone. Whilst some planned developments can be financed from the annual surplus, the Development Office provides essential support in funding enhanced facilities and in the provision of scholarships and bursaries. The School is strongly committed to widening access by offering assistance with fees and the Development Office plays an essential role in making this possible.

The Annual Fund provides extra equipment for use in a wide variety of areas of School life, including academic provision, sports and extra-curricular activities. These additional resources help to ensure that Blundell's remains able to provide the best possible fully rounded education to all the pupils.

HOW MUCH AND WHO SHOULD GIVE?

You may give whatever you wish. Anyone - OBs, parents, grandparents, friends, governors, staff past and present are all invited to support Blundell's on a regular basis. Participating is the key, regardless of the size of your gift, and together you can make a real difference to what can be achieved.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

Gifts can be one-off or spread over the year through Standing Order or Direct Debit Payments. Please see the enclosed form for details on making your donation tax-efficiently.

HOW WILL MY GIFT BE SPENT?

Your gift will be spent on the area you choose. You will find a list of the projects earmarked for this year's Annual Fund and the reply form enclosed allows you to signify to which project (or projects) your gift will be allocated. You may also choose, if you so wish, to allow the Governing Body to decide for you based upon the priorities and needs of the School this year.

GIFT DECLARATION

Registered Charity number 1081249

Name/Company Name <i>(if making a corporate donation)</i>	
Address	
	Postcode
Telephone	Email

Connection to Blundell's School Past Parent/Current Parent Ex staff/current staff
 Old Blundellian Other, please specify

Please treat this donation and all future donations until I inform you otherwise as Gift Aid. I declare that I am a UK tax payer and have paid enough income tax or capital gains tax to cover the amount claimed by the Charity in any tax year.

I wish to remain anonymous *We publish a list of supporters (not donations) annually, please tick if you would like to remain anonymous.*

OPTION 1

I/We* would like to make a Regular Gift as follows:

£10 £20 £30 £50 £100 Other £

Monthly/quarterly/annually* for a period of years/until further notice*

To: Blundell's Foundation
Foundation Account number 00668751
Sort Code 23-84-80
Allied Irish Bank (GB) 19 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1PB

From:

Account Name	
Account Number	Sort Code
Bank Name and Address	

Signed

Date

OPTION 2

I/We* would like to make a **Single Gift**, and enclose a **cheque** for £
made payable to Blundell's Foundation.

Bank transfers

Please pay to: Allied Irish Bank (GB) 19 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PB
Sort Code: 23-84-80 for the credit of The Blundell's Foundation (Account No. 00668751)
Please use the reference Annual Fund 2011-2012 and email us to notify us of your transfer.

I/We* would like this gift to help (please tick only one category):

- Piano for Music Department
- Lathes for Design Technology
- Improved Lighting for the Ondaatje Hall Theatre
- Additional Equipment for the Fitness Suite
- Telescope for the Science Department
- Prep School Project
- Peter Blundell Foundation Award Bursary Provision
- Where it is needed most

**I would like to consider giving a legacy to Blundell's,
please contact me with more information.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND WHICH
IS BOTH VALUED AND APPRECIATED**

Please return your completed form in the pre-paid reply envelope provided.
For further information or to discuss your donation privately please contact:

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today and shape the
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