

WGS Foundation

“Access to Excellence” is the underlying notion of the WGS Foundation, and it embodies its two fundamental aims.

Firstly “Access”: the school has always endeavoured to open its doors to any potential student that fulfils the academic prerequisites, regardless of their financial situation. The principal target of the Foundation is to fund a new collection of means-tested bursaries. The beneficiaries will of course adhere to the high scholastic standards of WGS, but these places will not be scholarships in the traditional sense. The focus is very much on widening access to the school within the community.

The additional aim of The WGS Foundation is to continue to uphold the highest standard of “Excellence” by further upgrading the infrastructure of the school so that when money is required for capital development, the Foundation can provide.

Access

As well as academic and music scholarships, the school offers a limited number of Governors’ Assisted Places. These means-tested bursaries permit the beneficiaries to experience a WGS education. The Foundation will raise money to greatly increase the number of means-tested bursaries and widen access to school within the community.

We would always prefer parents to demonstrate a token level of commitment, so we try not to offer full bursaries. However, if this is unavoidable we will consider funding a full place.

If you provide a bursary place for either the full seven years or the two years of sixth form, you may of course have the bursary named as you wish.

You may also specify a particular subject or subject area that the beneficiary must study.

The fees for a student on the OpAL project are higher than regular school fees. If you wish to provide a bursary for an OpAL student, please contact the Development Office for details.

Excellence

The Foundation will also raise money for major capital projects to further enhance the excellent facilities here at WGS. Recent capital projects include the new Music Block (completed 2005) and the Arts and Drama centre incorporating the Hutton Theatre and the Viner Gallery (completed 2007).

2012

As I am sure you are aware, the school will be celebrating its 500th anniversary in 2012 and the Foundation is planning to commemorate this significant milestone in the school's history. Representatives of the school are currently discussing how to mark this occasion, however we are keen to hear your ideas.

To find out the latest developments or to submit your ideas on the 500th anniversary celebrations please go to the 2012 page of the website.

Major Gifts

In order to recognise the generosity of our donors, we are in the process of launching two societies. Both aim to give something back to those who have given so much to WGS.

1512 Society

The 1512 Society has been introduced to officially recognise anyone who bequeaths a gift to the school in their will. Anyone who informs us of their legacy will be invited to join the society.

Jenyns Society

The Jenyns Society is an organisation designed to demonstrate our appreciation to donors who have made a significant financial contribution to the school. Those who have given in excess of the threshold are invited to join and experience the benefits of belonging to this exclusive group.

- Individual membership entails a contribution of £10,000 or more, either as a single donation or cumulatively over a period of time.
- Corporate membership entails a contribution of £25,000 or more, either as a single donation or cumulatively over a period of time.

