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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION



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Lichfield Cathedral School (LCS) has enjoyed remarkable growth since its re-founding in 1942. However, the need for philanthropic support is now greater than ever.



Through charitable giving we must ensure that the very high standards of our school are continually developed so that we can provide the environment, opportunity and inspiration for boys and girls, regardless of parental financial circumstances, to become confident, independent and well rounded young people.

While fees pay for the direct cost of education, the school also needs to continue augmenting funds both for bursaries and for further building developments.

The school has established the Lichfield Cathedral School Foundation to raise additional funds. LCS has no endowed funds to draw on to help it maintain the ethos of opportunity that is part of its history. Many pupils would not have been able to attend the school without the generous financial support of individuals or through the Assisted Places Scheme.

The school has invested considerable sums for the acquisition of new buildings and the improvement of existing facilities. In the last five years a total of £2.5m has been spent and we need to continue with a programme of renewal and updating to protect the fabric and to provide the best possible teaching environment at all levels. The buildings located within the Cathedral Close and at Longdon Green are an essential part of what has made LCS so special.

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber

Dean of Lichfield Cathedral and Chairman of Governors at Lichfield Cathedral School



*“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”*

William Butler Yeats

“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.”*



*Bob Beauprez

Lichfield Cathedral School aims to create and maintain an educational environment which nurtures, nourishes and stimulates young minds and talents; one where the children may gain a thorough academic foundation and a wealth of experiences and challenges; and one where daily life is conducted according to Christian values.

Furthermore, the School aims to provide a secure and ordered framework through which the children may develop their self esteem and confidence, discover the riches of successful participation and achievement, and develop a spirit of generosity and wisdom.



The Foundation will seek to raise funds through a range of activities. In the first year, the focus will be on the Annual Fund. Capital Campaigns will be introduced at a later stage.

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund seeks to encourage large numbers of alumni, parents and friends to give a small sum on a regular basis. Whatever the amount donated to the Annual Fund it will be most appreciated and of great help to our pupils and teachers.

Capital Campaigns

Capital Campaigns will seek to generate significant funding to support major developments. The first of these will be introduced in 2009/10.

Endowment Fund

Since the re-foundation of the School in 1942, many children have benefited from the special education provided by the Cathedral School through the generosity and support of others. The School's long term aim is to build a substantial endowment fund which will enable bursaries and scholarships to be given to an increasing number of bright and able children and young people, particularly those from families where parents are not in a position to pay the full fees. As well as bursaries the LCS



Endowment Fund will be the vehicle for the provision of endowed prizes. The Endowment Fund would enable donors to give funds to a number of schemes.

- **Arthur Broadhurst Society** – the School's legacy society has been established for donors who pledge a gift to LCS. The legacy from Arthur Broadhurst, a much loved teacher and friend of LCS provided the Modern Languages Building which is named after him.
- **The LCS Prize Fund** – Donors have the opportunity to endow a prize for the School's annual Speech Day. For further details please contact the Development Office.

The Annual Fund aims to create a “community of giving” to help the school year by year. The Annual Fund is about participation; the important fact is that as many people as possible contribute, irrespective of the amount which is given. All gifts make a real difference.

Priorities for 2009

Our hope is that the level of support for the Annual Fund will grow, so that our students may continue to benefit from enhanced projects each year. The Development Advisory Group, comprised of individuals from the governing, teaching, parent and alumni bodies of the school, meets regularly to assess projects proposed by the teachers. This year's priorities include:

- **Specialist equipment for physics**
Over the past decade, the independent sector has taught 15% of the country's A-Level pupils but provided some 45% of the undergraduate scientists within our universities. This figure is similar in both Modern Languages and Mathematics. The Cathedral School wishes to do the same; to encourage a love of scientific discovery and a fascination of the world around us. To allow us to keep this momentum going we require more interactive resources and computer data logging systems.



Library resources

A school library provides strong support for the educational process – it is a place where a lifelong love of reading, the excitement of discovery and a broadening of personal horizons are developed. Reading and literacy are essential skills for communication and enable children to achieve their potential across the whole curriculum.

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral School we have been able to improve our library facilities and resources at the Longdon Green site and in the Page Library at School House. The new Palace Library is a wonderful resource. There are plans to provide more computer terminals, expand the fiction to include a greater variety of the classics and new writers. We also want to develop the non-fiction subjects for all ages and the reference section as an aid to GCSE, and eventually A-Level subjects. The Careers section is developing to aid the students in their choice of universities, further education and work experience.

Any investment is not only good for the library but also represents an investment in every child's future.

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The Benefits

There is a direct link between improving our teaching and learning resources and improving the academic results achieved by our students. Gifts to the LCS Annual Fund will make an immediate impact on your child's education during 2009.

School funds are limited and your gift allows us to fund additional projects. Any gift, large or small is hugely appreciated and particularly when you give on a regular basis. It is the support for the school and goodwill of our friends which truly matter.

If you have any questions regarding the Annual Fund or would like to discuss other ways to support LCS please contact me. Thank you.



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MAKING A GIFT

If you wish to make a gift to this year's Annual Fund please complete the enclosed donation form. Alternatively, if you would like to donate over the telephone you can do so by contacting:

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Tax-efficient giving for UK-based donors

The most tax-effective methods of giving are Gift Aid, Payroll Giving, Share Giving and Legacies.

Gift Aid As the school is a registered charity, donations can be made tax efficiently with the reclaimed tax adding to the School's funds through Gift Aid. In this way we can claim an additional 25p for each £1 donated at no extra cost to you.

Payroll Giving Payroll Giving is a flexible scheme that enables donors to make charitable donations straight from their gross salary. For example, a £10 donation, will only cost £8 or just £6 for higher rate taxpayers.

Share Giving The giving of shares to LCS will enable donors to get substantial relief on their income tax bill, as well as exemption from Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on any gains they may have made on the shares. As with Payroll Giving, all the tax relief goes to the donor.

Legacies Charitable legacies reduce the total amount of inheritance tax due from the estate. Legacies are left through the donor's will or simply by a declaration to the executors with instructions as to how and to which charity a legacy is to be distributed.

Regular gifts By using a standing order you can help spread your payments over the course of the year and also provide a regular income stream to the Annual Fund.

Online giving Making a donation online is quick, easy and secure. You can donate by visiting the School's website www.lichfieldcathedralschool.com and clicking on LCS Foundation. Bank details as follows: Royal Bank of Scotland, Account Number 73631469, Sort Code 53-70-15.



“We thank all donors, past and present, for their support. We simply could not have achieved all we have done without them.”

Lichfield Cathedral School's fundraising programme, led by the Development Office, is here to stay. We are building a culture of continuing support for the School to meet both present needs and future developments.

We promise we will:

- offer you the opportunity to discuss your plans and give a school perspective before you donate
- acknowledge any gift you make appropriately and as soon as possible after receiving it
- steward wisely any gifts you make
- welcome you to the School whenever we can
- keep you updated about our fundraising progress and what is happening at the School
- respect requests for anonymity and in these circumstances keep details of your gift confidential
- make it easy for you to keep in touch with us

We also believe that it is important to celebrate support and generosity and in this regard we will:

- produce an Annual Report on Giving each year, listing all donors (except those who wish to remain anonymous)
- host a variety of events at the School to allow us to say thank you in person
- offer membership of the Arthur Broadhurst Society to those people who pledge support to the School in the form of a legacy.

Our Development Officer, Abbie Alcock, would be very happy to discuss in more detail any of the opportunities outlined above.

Thank you for your support.



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