



THE MITRE FUND TBSHS



"Figures show that almost 4,000 schools have been in deficit for two years, nearly 1,600 for three years, more than 400 for four years and 100 for five years."

We are indebted to all those who already contribute to The Bishop's Stortford High School's Mitre Fund. You will see here some examples of recent purchases made possible by the generosity of the Mitre Friends - those people who donate.

Introduction

Requests for financial support are made by departments within the school for non-core curriculum facilities and equipment and are subject to approval by the Trustees. An example of a recent substantial purchase was the contribution to the canopy installed adjacent to the servery in 2015. This has provided a covered area for students' use and has extended the space available for students to eat and socialise.

As many parents will be aware, all schools across the country face a difficult future, in terms of funding, and, in order to continue to provide the same high quality experience for our students throughout their time at TBSHS the school is becoming

more reliant on the financial support of parents and friends. Reductions in central government funding, coupled with rapidly rising costs, make it increasingly more difficult to provide students with the unparalleled opportunities that our children enjoy and that we have all come to expect. We would therefore ask you to consider seriously becoming a Mitre Friend to help us maintain the Black & Gold spirit and provide the 'truly all-round' educational experience for our students.

Any support you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated.

Mr Phillip Godfrey
Chairman of the Trustees

The Mitre Fund

The Mitre Fund is a registered charity (Charity Number 1155759) and fulfils the obligations set by the Charity Commission. It provides a platform for making either one-off or regular cash donations to the school, to support specific enrichment projects, and to allow the school to continue to deliver an outstanding extra-curricular programme for all students to engage in.

The Mitre Fund is overseen by a board of Trustees made up of representatives from the governing body and the school leadership team.

Our objectives are to further the advancement of education by providing additional resources to The Bishop's Stortford High School, as well as to enhance the positive experiences of students and improve the environment, thus increasing the students ability to learn and develop.

The Trust's purpose is to raise additional funds to improve the quality of our buildings and equipment so that students have access to the best possible resources.





Mitre Funded Resources

The Mitre has recently funded:

- A display unit to showcase the work of Design Technology students
- Specialist music technology hardware and software
- New equipment for the strength & conditioning centre
- New stage lighting for the hall
- A new specialist microscope for the science department
- Funding for new work stations in the sixth form centre
- Funding to provide a school counsellor for the next academic year
- 3D printer filament
- A new touch-sensitive electronic keyboard



Future Investment

Looking ahead, reduced government funding will put increased pressure on school budgets.

Once funds are in place The Mitre hopes to enable greater investment in:

- Drama
- Music
- Science
- Design & Technology
- Enrichment opportunities throughout the curriculum
- Wellbeing
- Facility improvements





Play a Part

Whilst The Mitre Fund provides a way to financially support The Bishops Stortford High School, offers of practical support from the parental body are also very welcome.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mr Paul Noble, Deputy Headteacher, at TBSHS if you feel that you can contribute to enhancing the vibrant life of the School.



For instance, support in the following areas would be helpful:

- Assisting at school events and PTA/PSA events
- Share your skills and interests - e.g. creativity/photography/sports/dance
- Provide careers advice/support - sharing your experiences
- Support the school with wider fundraising - for example grant applications etc.
- Become a Library helper
- Physiotherapy
- Construction and Property Maintenance - work on ad hoc projects like painting and decorating etc.
- Landscape Maintenance
- Any other ways in which you feel you can enhance life at the School.

Become a Mitre Friend

Mitre Friends will be invited to attend special events. A presentation will be made demonstrating how funds have been invested and what developments are in the pipeline.

Ideas for donating:

- Personal regular contributors
 - Donations from your employer or from your own businesses
 - Make a bequest if relatives estate incurs Inheritance Tax
 - Single contribution at the end of the tax year to manage your tax position
 - Regular contributions are particularly welcome as they
- provide a predictable income which helps the Trustees plan for the future. We suggest a donation of £25 a month or a donation of £200 per annum, however all contributions of money and expertise are equally valued.
 - If you pay income tax and are in a position to 'gift aid' your contribution, the Mitre Fund can reclaim tax at 25% of the donation. This is of enormous benefit and adds £2.50 for every £10 donated.

The level of giving is entirely confidential and discretionary.





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