

Bede's Transformational Bursary Fund



BEDE'S
Foundation

A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red and green striped tie, is looking out of a window with white frames. The background shows a bright, sunlit interior with a white lattice structure.

Welcome

"We want to make a difference to the lives of young children who never ever thought they would be able to access a Bede's education. Ultimately, it comes down to social mobility, to creating a ripple effect across our school, local and wider communities where every single person is afforded the opportunities that a Bede's education provides - no matter their background."

**Peter Goodyer,
Headmaster, CEO**

Our Ambition

At Bede's, we are committed to providing educational opportunities for talented pupils, irrespective of their financial circumstances. Bede's has long been a school recognised for its commitment to supporting children from a diverse range of backgrounds with a range of different talents and needs. We firmly believe that these bursaries will not only transform the lives of their recipients but also increase the diversity of Bede's, thus enriching every member of our community.

Unlike many independent schools, Bede's does not benefit from historic endowments or legacy funds. Large projects, such as the building of our new Dorms Boarding House, have only been possible as a result of careful financial planning. We rely on the fees paid by parents every year to run the School, fund improvements across the campuses and provide a limited number of bursaries.

Despite this, Bede's has worked hard to carve out a strong reputation for helping those most in need, providing a place where every member of our community feels a strong sense of belonging and is thus able to flourish and succeed. For over a decade now we have awarded in excess of 20 transformational bursaries working with a range of partnerships. This programme has had a significant, positive impact, not only on the recipients of these bursaries but on pupils and staff across our community. With your help, we would like to build on this success, increasing the number of transformational bursaries we provide for pupils.

Each year we are approached by highly motivated pupils who are full of potential, and who, if given the opportunity of a Bede's

education, could achieve heights they never thought were possible, whether that be in sport, the arts or academically. Our peerless reputation for providing the highest standards of pastoral care has uniquely equipped us to unlock this type of potential.

As we look towards the 50th anniversary of the Senior School our aim as a Trust is to provide 110% transformational bursaries for five pupils each year by 2029. Through the establishment of our Development Office and the Bede's Foundation we aim to sustainably provide future transformational bursaries by securing an endowment fund, legacies and through gaining commitments from members of the Bede's community. We ask you to take a moment to look back on everything you and your family has gained from your Bede's journey, whatever stage you are at and to consider helping us reach our goal.

Bede's is a place which we believe wholeheartedly transforms children and we hope that, through your experiences, you agree. We would be deeply grateful if you would consider helping us continue to transform the lives of those who would otherwise not be able to benefit from a Bede's education by donating to the Bede's Transformational Bursary Fund.

Peter Goodyer
Headmaster



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"Without doubt the School has a transformative impact on pupils. It enables them to find their passions, to find joy in their learning and enables them to grow as individuals so that by the time they leave the School they're ready to confront the world and all of the challenges it has."

**John Tuson,
Deputy Head**



My journey so far

My story is a little bit different, I moved here under challenging circumstances from Kuwait and found myself dropped into a local secondary school in Eastbourne. Quite simply I did not feel challenged enough and when I saw the Bede's posters up around town and heard about all that Bede's had to offer I took a risk and tried to convince the School that I deserved a place.

From the moment I stepped onto campus, I absolutely fell in love with Bede's; it actually reminded me a lot of Hogwarts and that sense of awe has not vanished since I started studying here. I mean we have a zoo and massive rolling fields and I just thought "Oh my goodness, it is amazing here".


Bede's is a school I never dreamt I would actually be able to get into. I knew the teachers would be amazing and the facilities would be incredible but what I feel most lucky about is being part of a place that is so welcoming; I really do feel part of a community here, something which I did not feel before. I still can't get over how many different opportunities there are here at Bede's - there are so many different things to get involved in which is amazing and still excites me two years on.

Bede's has pushed me not only to get involved in every single area of the School from the activities programme to becoming a key part of my House as a School prefect - something I am incredibly proud of because I want to give back to Bede's in every way that I can. Bede's has also pushed me academically and I am sure that I would not have achieved such a strong set of GCSE results and have been able to take the A Level programme I am, if I had not come to Bede's.

Being the recipient of a transformational bursary has given me a new level of passion and drive to work as hard as possible and to take hold of every opportunity that I can while at Bede's. I feel immensely proud to be part of this community and all it has to offer.

**Bursary Recipient,
Charleston**



A photograph of three students in school uniforms. A male student in a dark suit and striped tie stands leaning against a brick wall, looking down at a female student sitting on a stone step. The female student is wearing a white blazer and holding a book. Another female student in a black blazer and patterned skirt stands to the left, also holding a book. The background shows green foliage and a brick wall.

"Bede's is a truly exceptional School and as Governors we are really keen that we can open this opportunity to as wide a group of families as possible".

**Nick Mercer,
Governor and Chair of the Finance
Committee**

COMPASSIONATE



"Bede's is a place which accepts everyone, it has opened up so many doors for me, especially when thinking about universities. It has given me so many opportunities to express myself and do what I want to do rather than pushing me down the usual generic routes. I feel much more open-minded to the different opportunities open to me."

**Bursary Recipient,
Charleston**



Bede's 5 at 50 Vision

Our Aim: Five 110% transformational bursary holders starting each academic year in the Sixth Form by 2029.

- This will include a mixture of day and boarding pupils
- Recipients of transformational bursaries will be from both the local area and overseas
- A 110% transformational bursary ensures a pupil faces no barrier to every opportunity available at Bede's and includes the pupil's fees, transport, uniform and co-curricular programme.

Achieving Our Goal: The Trust needs to raise £1.6 million by 2029.
This will enable us to increase our number of transformational bursaries year on year as follows:

	Number of Year 12 Transformational Bursary Recipients	Number of Year 13 Transformational Bursary Recipients
2023	2	0
2024	3	2
2025	3	3
2026	4	3
2027	4	4
2028	5	4
2029	5	5

Ways of Giving: To achieve our vision for transformational bursaries we aim to raise **£1.6 million** by **2029**. We value every commitment made to the Bede's Foundation and there are a variety of ways you can give.

You can donate online with a **Regular Gift** whether that be monthly, quarterly or on an annual basis or give a **One-Off Gift**.

Contact the Development Office to discuss other types of giving whether that be **Legacy Gifts**, **Matched Giving** or **Tax Efficient Giving**.



"Bede's for me has been a lot of fun, it has taught me to be open minded and to ask lots of questions because this is a place where everyone helps you. At Bede's I have taken hold of so many opportunities which would not have been open to me if I had not come here."

**Bursary Recipient,
Camberlot**



How Bede's transformed me

I came to Bede's for my Sixth Form studies as it offered me an opportunity like no other. Since I was young my passion for cricket has motivated me to be the very best I can and Bede's has helped me to further this passion while creating an academic programme which I not only enjoy but will also help me to realise my career goals beyond Bede's.

My ambition is to become a professional cricket player and with the help of Bede's, I am well on the way to realising that ambition; I currently have a contract with Sussex cricket with my ultimate aim being to play for my country.

Bede's has undoubtedly transformed me. It is a place that I was keen to attend because of its outstanding sporting facilities, incredible coaching and the flexibility it offered me with my studies as well as the wide range of courses on offer in the Sixth Form. This winning combination has opened up a range of different pathways for me to pursue in the future.

I wanted to come to Bede's because so many of my friends had told me how amazing it was and how much they all got from their time at the School and without doubt I feel the same way. I knew that I was in safe hands with the cricket coaches but I am also so grateful for the teachers I have had. They have treated me as an individual, recognised the range of different commitments I have to juggle and have been flexible, offering me one to one mentoring to make sure that I achieve the very best grades I can.

Bede's has pushed me to better myself on the cricket field and in the classroom and I feel so grateful to have been given the opportunities I have through the Transformational Bursary Fund, it really has changed my life.

**Bursary Recipient,
Camberlot**



Our Commitment

Bede's believes that awarding a transformational bursary within the environment of a supportive and high attaining school like ours is one of the greatest forces for social mobility we could give. Our aim is to seek out pupils for whom a Bede's education is wholly out of reach and whose lives will be completely transformed as a consequence of attending the School.

Bede's takes this commitment incredibly seriously and will award these life changing bursaries to those who would most benefit from a Bede's education. This could be as a result of social disadvantage, challenging family circumstances or other barriers which a pupil may have encountered which have led a pupil's aspirations to be unfairly disadvantaged in ways beyond their control.

"Donations will be ring-fenced and only used to support pupils who will really benefit. We have a very robust way of ensuring that we select pupils who would make the very most out of a Bede's education. And that money would give them those opportunities that they would otherwise never have."

Jonathan Northway,
Bursar



Every Donation Counts

“Bede’s Schools have a strong, long standing reputation of offering all pupils a tailored educational experience. The result has been an overwhelming success in relation to adding value to each and every child. Building a Transformational Bursary Fund will allow more pupils to attend whose parents would not be able to fund a Bede’s education.”

**Geraldine Watkins,
Chair of Governors**



Your Questions Answered

Q. HOW MANY TRANSFORMATIONAL BURSARIES IS BEDE'S AIMING TO GIVE?

Our aim is to fund five 110% transformational bursaries each year by 2029; including a mixture of day and boarding places in the Sixth Form. These will completely cover a pupil's fees, transport, uniform and co-curricular programme.

Q. IS THE TRUST CONTRIBUTING TO THIS CAMPAIGN?

The Trust's Development Board is committed to seeking out funding for the Transformational Bursary Fund whether that be through securing an endowment, legacies or grants. Bede's has worked with partner organisations to fund in excess of 20 transformational bursaries over the past decade. The Trust will continue to work with our partners in this way.

Q. WHAT EXACTLY WILL HAPPEN TO MY DONATION?

Any donations made towards the Bede's Transformational Bursary Fund will be ring-fenced under the Bede's Foundation and only used for the sole purpose of transformational bursaries. All finances related to this fund will be completely separate and transparent.

Q. HOW CAN I MAKE A MONTHLY, TERMLY OR ONE-OFF DONATION?

We want to make donations as straightforward for you as possible, so simply complete this [Google Form](#), visit our website or contact the Development Office (development@bedes.org) to make a donation and a confirmation of your donation will be delivered straight to your inbox from our Development Office.

Q. HOW DOES BEDE'S SELECT THOSE RECEIVING A TRANSFORMATIONAL BURSARY?

Bede's is careful to select pupils whose lives will be truly transformed by attending the School. The process for applying to the School balances sensitivity with rigour. A wealth of circumstances are taken into account including a families' financial situation, a child's potential and current achievement, performance on a Bede's Experience Day and likely contribution to the wider school.

Q. HOW WILL THE RECIPIENTS OF TRANSFORMATIONAL BURSARIES INTEGRATE AND THRIVE AT BEDE'S?

We understand that pupils may face an array of challenges when they arrive at Bede's. As a result of the Trust's long standing experience in this area and unrivalled pastoral provision through the dedication of specific staffing and resources, we will ensure that every pupil thrives and is able to take hold of every opportunity the community has to offer.

Q. WILL THE TRUST MAKE PUBLIC WHO HAS RECEIVED A TRANSFORMATIONAL BURSARY?

In short, no! As a result of the nature of these awards and the often sensitive circumstances of those who are awarded these bursaries, recipient's identities will not be disclosed.

Q. HOW DO TRANSFORMATIONAL BURSARIES SIT ALONGSIDE OTHER TYPES OF AWARDS SUCH AS SCHOLARSHIPS?

Bede’s remains wholeheartedly committed to our rigorous scholarship process. Scholarships are awarded in recognition of pupils who excel academically or in their chosen field of drama, art, music, dance or sport and carry a small non-means tested fee remission. Finances for transformational bursaries are ring-fenced and awarded solely in a means-tested manner. Occasionally a transformational bursary is awarded to a pupil who has also achieved a scholarship. In such cases the value of the bursary is reduced by the value of the scholarship.

Q. HOW CAN I INCREASE MY DONATION AT NO EXTRA COST TO ME?

If you are a UK taxpayer, Bede’s can make your donation go even further by claiming Gift Aid on your donation at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back basic rate tax already paid on donations by UK taxpayers, meaning the School can claim an additional 25p on every £1 donated. You simply need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form as part of your donation via this [Google Form](#) or our website which takes a matter of moments. Alternatively you can contact the Development Office (development@bedes.org).

Tax Rate	Gift	Gift Aid Added	Gross Value To Bede’s	Taxpayer Reclaim	Cost to Donor
45%	£100,000	£25,000	£125,000	£31,250	£68,750
	£50,000	£12,500	£62,500	£15,625	£34,375
40%	£20,000	£5,000	£25,000	£5,000	£15,000
	£10,000	£2,500	£12,500	£2,500	£7,500
20%	£500	£125	£625	£0	£500
	£100	£25	£125	£0	£100

Q. HOW DO I OPT OUT OF GIVING OR CHANGE HOW I WANT TO DONATE?

We understand that circumstances can change, should you need to opt-out of your donation for any reason please do not hesitate to contact the Development Office.

Thank you

We really hope you will join us on this journey as we strive to increase the number of transformational bursaries we offer. At Bede's every gift matters as our community works to better the lives of pupils and give them the opportunity to flourish with us.

"Being a part of the Bede's bursary scheme, I have found myself excelling in both my academics and sports. I have been able to join many sports teams and clubs whilst helping run, and taking part in many charity events. One of the best opportunities I have had is being able to complete my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award with an amazing group of driven people like myself."

Bursary Recipient, Dorter

"Thanks to my bursary from Bede's I have been given a great opportunity to further my education at a really great school. The support from all staff has been amazing and has helped me to grow in confidence, encouraging me to want to achieve my very best ready for the future. I am so grateful."

Bursary Recipient, Stud

"My bursary at Bede's has given me fantastic opportunities that have facilitated my growth as an individual. From learning to scuba dive to acquiring key leadership skills as a School Prefect, I believe that my experience at Bede's has prepared me for life beyond education."

Bursary Recipient, Dorms





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