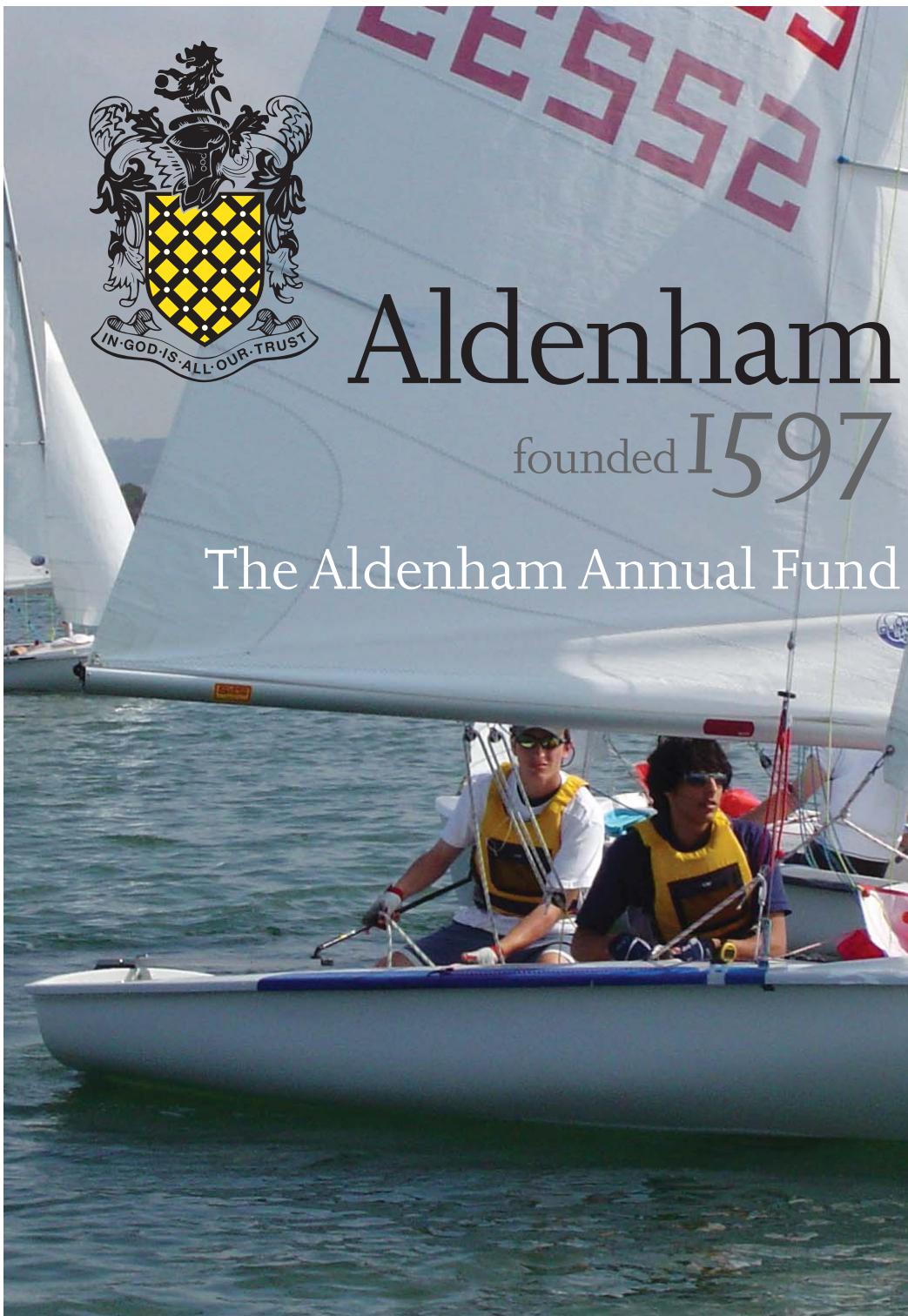




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The Aldenham Annual Fund





The Annual Fund was launched in September 2008 with the aim of raising money for projects which will directly benefit pupils in the year that the money is donated. I am delighted to report that in 2008/09 we raised over £20,000 and the success of the Appeal is evident around the whole School.

This summer cricket teams benefitted from improved wickets because the fund provided cricket covers, the library's worn out chairs are being replaced, the digital weather station is providing current weather reports, available to everyone through the School website. In the Prep School footballers practice using the new goals in the playground and pupils gather on the new bench. This autumn a sixth former will benefit from an Annual Fund bursary. These are examples of some of the projects we have realised and the benefit to pupils is immediate.

Last year donations to the fund ranged from £5,000 to £25, and some were standing orders making a commitment for several years. This demonstrates that a gift of any size will make a difference and we appeal to you again for your help with a new list of projects.

I hope that everyone in the School's constituency will consider giving generously and support this very worthwhile appeal.

James Fowler Headmaster



Digital Language Laboratory Software – £1,725

This Sony Virtuoso software will provide a supervised practice facility for all our modern languages students. Teachers will be able to engage with students on an individual basis and students will be able to work at a pace which suits them – stretching the most able, and adapting to assist students who need more time.



Two Lightboxes – £200

The Art Department is always looking for ways to increase the scope of pupils' work. Lightboxes will enable the department to teach and create intricate work and transfer it onto paper for painting.

Two 3D models of Brains – £500

Many parts of the Psychology curriculum, specifically the body's response to stress, treating mental illness, sleep and addictive behaviour, rely on an understanding of various brain structures. These can be clearly demonstrated using a 3D model.

For the Prep School



Five Digital Cameras – £1,000

A camera for each year group in the Prep School to enable staff to record activities inside and outside of the classroom.

For the Whole School



Real Time Twin CD Recorder – £485

The new Theatre has been a runaway success, dramatically increasing participation in theatre and dance, exams and productions, throughout the whole School. This portable CD player and recorder is designed especially for dance. It can be carried easily between the Dance Studio in the Sports Hall and the Theatre and the music will not be distorted by the movement of the dance.

Wind Turbine – £3,000

The wind turbine will be positioned on top of the Science Block and provide a valuable, money saving renewable energy source, reducing electricity costs and contributing to the teaching of modern technology applications, an essential element of Physics teaching at all levels.



An Aldeburgh Harp – £10,000

The Music Department is constantly striving to develop its practical resources and encourage students to try a wider range of instruments. The addition of an Aldeburgh 47 String Harp will enable the harp to be taught in School and played in the orchestra.

For Sport and Activities



A Tutor Plus Player Portable Tennis Machine – £1,640

The addition of this Tennis Ball Machine will make a huge difference to both the amount and quality of tennis we can offer at Aldenham. It will enable the coach to feed balls continuously to the same place allowing the specific technical development of every stroke as well as having a random and graduated player function to test players of all standards in a rally situation.

Two Firefly Sailing Dinghies – £12,000

Our six International 420 dinghies are rapidly ageing and we would like to replace two of them with Firefly Dinghies, which are gradually becoming the boat of choice for schools team racing. Firefly Dinghies are tougher boats which resist the knocks of close competitive racing. In the co-educational environment, where girls and boys compete on an equal basis, they are easier for the girls to right if they capsize.

For Bursaries



In September this year we were able to offer a sixth form student a significant Bursary funded by the 2008/09 Annual Fund. Our goal is to increase the bursary fund and enable even more pupils to experience all that an Aldenham education offers.

The Aldenham School Fund Report 2008/09

The school year 2008/09 was the first year in which the School Development Office ran an annual fund appeal. A number of projects were promoted to potential donors, encompassing the full range of school activities – from sports to music, from the Nursery to the Senior School.

Thanks to the generosity of Parents, former Pupils, Governors and School Staff, over £20,000 was raised, which has been used to fund future

bursaries, new cricket covers, chairs in the library, a digital weather station, art tables, playground equipment for the Prep School, uniform items for the choir, archiving materials for the library and various other smaller projects.

The school considers the first year of the fund's activities to have been a resounding success, and would like to express its sincere gratitude to those who contributed and are listed below.

Mr Michael Allen
Mr Chris Arkell
Mr Allan Arthur
Trevor and Molly Barton
Mr John G Bisiker
Mr Edred Bowman
Mr Malcolm Brothers
Mr Alexander Buchanan
Jonathan and Marie-Noëlle Coates
Mr Ronald Collinge OBE
Mr John Collis
Mr Michael Cowper
Mr Mark Cox
Mr Vincent Davies
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Mr Stephen Edwards
Mr Lawrence Fansa
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Mr Colin G Fraser TD
The Revd Jack Freeborn
Mr Tony Ghattas
Mrs Barrie Gilbert and Tamerlane Asher
The Late Mr Ronald Gill
The Late Rev Peter Gotelee
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Mr Peter Wrangham

With 8 additional anonymous donations

How do I make my gift and tax efficient giving

There are two ways of supporting the Annual Fund: by post or online by Direct Transfer. To make a donation by post please complete the Donation Form enclosed following the steps below:

1 Complete the Gift Aid section if you are a UK tax payer

2 Complete the My Details section

3 Complete the Gift Purpose section

There are several areas that can be supported: the Senior School, the Prep School, Bursaries or the School.

Your name will be listed in the Report on the Annual Fund. If you wish your gift to remain anonymous please tick the relevant box.

4 Complete either the single donation or regular donation section

You can make a single donation by cheque or online by Direct Transfer using the *I wish to make a single donation* section.

Alternatively you can make a regular donation by completing the standing order mandate, remembering to:

- Fill in your name, address and account information including account number and sort code
- Fill in the name and address of your bank or building society
- Sign and date the instruction

5 Post the completed Donation Form to:

The Development Office
Aldenham School Elstree
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OAs living in the US who wish to give their gift in dollars will benefit from the US income tax deduction. Gifts may be made by contacting the British School and Universities Foundation Inc. Their web site www.bsuf.org gives all the details you need for giving. Gifts can be made to BSUF by cheque or credit card.

For the Basic Rate Taxpayer

For every £1 donation, Aldenham School can reclaim the basic rate of tax paid at 25p, through Gift Aid. Thus a gift of £100 is increased to £125 and £1,000 to £1,250.

For the Higher Rate Taxpayer

If declaring charitable donations on their income tax form, Higher Rate Taxpayers can claim a tax rebate based on the difference between the basic rate and the higher rate of tax.

If you wish to support something specific or for further information about the School's fundraising activities please contact Molly Barton – Development Manager on:
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