



# SHAPE THE FUTURE

BURSARY CAMPAIGN

*Giving young people a flying start*

VIRTUTE ET VERITATE



POCKLINGTON  
SCHOOL



*Continue the cycle of giving  
to the next generation*

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## *A heritage of philanthropy shaped by our founder*

When John Dolman founded Pocklington School in 1514, he was driven by his vision to shape the future of poor students by providing them with an education. This philanthropy has been at our heart ever since.

John Dolman and subsequent benefactors have enabled us to unlock the potential of young people whose circumstances would otherwise have put a Pocklington education beyond their reach. Over the years we've welcomed many bursary and grant-assisted students into our supportive and caring community.

In return, these students have brought great benefits to the School, in terms of social diversity, scholarship, sporting and cultural excellence and a commitment to make the best of the opportunities Pocklington has offered.

Pocklington's culture of philanthropy has played a vital role in growing and sustaining the School for over 500 years. Continued benefaction, specifically to provide fee assistance, is essential if Pocklington is to remain accessible to all.

### **How we are funded today**

Unlike other independent schools, we do not currently have a huge bursary endowment.

The John Dolman Trust provides the School with modest support for a small number of students.



## *Why we need your help*

Pocklington School has always welcomed students from a wide range of backgrounds. Until the abolition of the Assisted Places Scheme in 1997, we were able to provide financial assistance for any student who wished to study here and who met the means-testing criteria.

Now, more than ever, we are committed to widen access to the School and our bursary fund can no longer provide support to all applicants.

For more than 20 years, the costs of independent education have risen above inflation. A substantial increase in fee assistance will give more young people the opportunity to have a life-changing Pocklington education.

Pocklington  
School students on  
means-tested bursary  
support



Currently 3% of Pocklington School students receive means-tested bursary support. Our medium to long term ambition is to increase this to 10% - a considerable way towards helping families unable to afford the full fees.

By building a substantial bursary fund, we can help more students attend Pocklington who would otherwise be denied the opportunity. At the same time, this will ensure the School remains an open and diverse community with equality of opportunity to all - an aim both John Dolman and our most famous student, William Wilberforce, would surely heartily endorse.

## Continuing a tradition

### *The Spirit of Pock*

Old Pocklingtonians, former parents and staff, Governors and friends of the school share the 'Spirit of Pock'; the lifelong common bond which unites us. This encompasses those qualities which exemplify the best in the human spirit, embodied in our Values and Virtues; courage, truth, trust, respect, generosity of spirit and openness of heart.

By making a donation to our Shape the Future campaign, you would be continuing in this same spirit.

If you or a child of yours has benefited from the government funded Assisted Places Scheme, or some other form of bursary or scholarship funding, this would be a wonderful, worthy, and very practical way of reciprocating that support – giving a child the gift of a Pocklington School education.





## Shaping the future in action

Here are just a few examples of the impact of fee assistance in recent years.

“ *I have witnessed at first hand the positive impact Pocklington School has on a child. My daughter has grown in confidence and intellect. From a shy, introverted young girl to becoming a confident, accomplished young lady. None of this would have been remotely possible had she not had a most generous bursary to assist with the school fees.* ”

*Parent of a Sixth Form student*



*Aggie*

Aggie studied in the Sixth Form at Pocklington School from 2010-2012 and was appointed Head Girl in her final year. She then went on to study medicine at Queen Mary University of London and is now a Foundation Doctor at Barts Health Trust, London.

“I was very keen to take advantage of the academic and co-curricular opportunities available at Pocklington and was involved in so many different things, from helping with the Science Club, preparing for my LAMDA exam, joining in school plays and enjoying both athletics and the Combined Cadet Force.

Not only did I have a brilliant time, but the skills it gave me in terms of time management and achieving a good work-life balance have been invaluable. Looking back I see how it was fantastic preparation for life after school, and the work ethic it instilled in me enabled me to achieve a 1st Class Certification at Medical School.

The fee assistance to allow me to attend Pocklington School was a life-changing opportunity. The teachers are truly focussed on the individual - helping you in every way possible to achieve your ambitions and become a well-rounded, compassionate individual.”





*James*

James studied in the Sixth Form at Pocklington in 2012 and went on to achieve a 1st class honours law degree at the University of York. After completing the BPTC at BPP Law School in Leeds, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn where he successfully completed pupillage. He is now a barrister in York.

"Since primary school my dream has been to be a barrister, and I knew that strong academic results and a varied extra-curricular record were essential if I was to stand a chance of entering into this competitive profession. In making the decision between training to be a barrister or a solicitor it is also essential to have relevant work experience so that you can make an informed choice about which path to follow.

I completed my GCSEs in a local state school, but the imminent closure of their sixth form confirmed that I would have to study elsewhere. Pocklington felt like home from the first time I visited, and I was sure from the outset that it could provide me with the opportunity to succeed in my professional ambitions.

The alumni network turned out to be invaluable as I was able to complete several work experience placements before I even applied for university, which is very unusual in the legal profession. I am confident that had I not received fee assistance I would not have been able to go to Pocklington School, and I would not be where I am today."



## *Attending Pocklington School can be transformative for young people.*

We would like to help students who may have completed GCSEs at a state school but are keen to take advantage of the extra-curricular, career and academic opportunities we offer. Or they may attend already but their families have fallen on hard times, for a multitude of reasons, and cannot commit to future fees.

It currently costs nearly £16,000\* per annum for a day student at Pocklington School, nearly £32,000 to attend two years of Sixth Form. With your support, the John Dolman Trust can help more young people join our Sixth Form and benefit from the experience we can offer.

\*Fees for 2019/2020



## *Our financial targets and how the donations will be used*

*Raising bursary  
funds over 10 years  
to provide student  
places every year in  
perpetuity*



We are seeking to raise £10 million for the endowment fund in 10 years. This could fund 20 day places every year from the local area, in perpetuity. Plus we wish to raise £50,000 every year for the annual bursary fund which is used for immediate needs.

Your donation will help us shape our students' futures, to support our commitment to stretch and challenge each child as part of an excellent all-round education, enabling them to fulfil their potential.

Bursaries will be offered to students whose families cannot afford the full fees and are offered on a strictly means-tested basis. All bursaries are reviewed on an annual basis and may be varied to reflect any change in circumstances.

To encourage students to apply for fee assistance, we work closely with a number of local schools.



## *How you can donate*

There are three ways in which you can donate:

1

### **The John Dolman Trust**

A permanent endowment, the income from which is used to fund means-tested bursaries and over time produces a sustainable and reliable funding stream for bursaries.

2

### **The Annual Bursary Fund**

While the John Dolman Trust endowment builds, there will be a continuing need for short term bursary support which is distributed through the Annual Bursary Fund. This tops up the income earned from the endowment and is used for immediate needs.

3

### **Sponsor a student place**

Please call the Development Office on 01759 322626 to discuss the options available.

### *If you would like to donate:*

Please complete and return the form enclosed at the back of this booklet or email us at [kays@pocklingtonschool.com](mailto:kays@pocklingtonschool.com) and we can send you details for BACS transfers.

## *Naming opportunities*

There are a number of opportunities for donors to associate their names with particular aspects of the bursary programme.

Please contact the Development Office to discuss options on: **01759 322626**

Everyone who chooses to make a donation to the Shape the Future bursary campaign will be included in our List of Benefactors and automatically becomes a member of the John Dolman Society. Of course, if you wish to remain anonymous, this will be respected and your name will not be included in any publications.





*Tim Stephenson*

OP 70-79 Chair of Governors

"Like many Old Pocklingtonians, I benefitted in the 1970s from the direct grant system which paid my fees at the School. I went on to read Maths at Oxford and now enjoy a career in international finance, commodity risk management and sustainability. As Chair of Governors, and also a former parent, I can see clearly the enormous progress made by the School since I left. What I regret most is that, like almost all independent schools, fees have accelerated to be significantly beyond the means of families of many young people who would greatly benefit from being at Pocklington School, and from whose presence the School as a whole would benefit.

I strongly believe the School should be an inclusive place, available to as many deserving students as possible. That is why I passionately support the Shape the Future bursary campaign, both directly with financial contributions and as Chair of the Campaign Group. Please join me to make a real difference, providing access to an excellent education to a much wider community."



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## *You can start to Shape the Future today*

Be part of a very special community by continuing the culture of philanthropy started by our founder in 1514. Help us to advance the bursary provision at Pocklington School, and give the next generation the opportunity to shape their own successful futures.

To discuss your interest in making a donation, please call Susan Kay on 01759 322626

or email: [kays@pocklingtonschool.com](mailto:kays@pocklingtonschool.com)

Donation forms are enclosed with this booklet

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