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The *Fund for Westminster* was created in 2009 to enhance our ability to provide the materials and opportunities necessary to facilitate learning at its highest level. Thanks to the overwhelming support of Old Westminsters, parents and former parents, the *Fund* has become an invaluable annual resource for both the Great School and Under School, allowing us to plan for the future with confidence and creativity.

The Westminster Community has shown an outstanding commitment to bursary provision through their support of our annual appeals, impacting dramatically the funds available for this vital programme. You have also told us that support for special projects should remain a high priority and each year we endeavour to identify items that will make a real difference to the classroom and extracurricular experience of our pupils.

You can feel confident that your gift will go entirely to benefit projects for our current pupils and to enable young people of enormous talent but limited resources to access an exceptional education.

We hope that you will support the area of our work which most strongly appeals to you, be it bursaries or special projects, with the assurance that your generosity will have an immediate and lasting impact on the lives of generations of Westminster pupils to come.

BURSARY SUPPORT

Westminster's bursary policy has at its core Elizabeth I's founding vision of equality in education, and her original request over 450 years ago that the School provide for '40 poor scholars' has served as the seed of today's Westminster School Bursary Programme. The *Fund for Westminster* has helped us to underpin this provision, and the feedback we have received through previous campaigns has made it clear that you feel, as we do, that it should continue to be a top priority.

We believe that real growth in this area can only be achieved through securing an endowment adequate to our funding needs, and not by relying upon bursary-designated fee top-ups. In the coming years, support gained through the *Fund for Westminster* will continue to play a crucial role in helping to increase this vital area of funding, and we hope that you will work with us to assist in making a Westminster education a reality for future generations of deserving young people, regardless of their financial circumstances.

PROJECTS

THE UNDER SCHOOL

Control Panel for Under School Theatre Lights - £4,000

Last year, following the installation of new theatre lights purchased with generous donations from the Westminster Community, Under School theatre productions were able to take a huge leap forward. Now, in 2017, they are hoping to realise even more exciting ambitions by installing a new control panel for this equipment. This will mean that future productions are even better supported by technical kit, allowing pupils to develop their skills in stage management and theatre design.

THE GREAT SCHOOL

Observatory for the Great School - £30,000

The observatory is designed as a space where our pupils can be taught in small groups whilst being inspired by the wonders of the heavens! Three telescopes will consist of a refractor for incredible resolution planetary/lunar imaging, a large reflector for light gathering of less bright astronomical objects, and a dedicated solar telescope for observing the Sun's activity. In addition there will be top of the range spectroscopic devices for projects involving the spectra of light from various sources, high quality sensors to produce images and an automated mount to facilitate observing.

There will also be the facility to access the telescope images remotely, so that physics and astronomy lessons elsewhere in the building can benefit from, for example, live images of solar activity.



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