



THE ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION



New Opportunities to make a Difference



The education offered at St John's is, quite simply, about our boys and girls. Nothing is more important than creating an environment in which they can explore opportunities, develop their personal qualities, pursue their dreams in order to find future fulfilment and, above all, discover a passion for living life to the full.

These are exciting times for St John's. Those who have visited recently will have seen our new Classroom Block under construction behind the Chapel; it is a very powerful symbol of the growth and confidence in the School. Over the next four years, we will become fully co-educational and by 2014 expect to have a school roll of 600 boys and girls. We are one of the leading schools in Surrey and the South East and our ambitions do not stop there. However, to realise these ambitions and offer the very best education to our boys and girls, we are reliant upon financial support from our wider community.

I am, therefore, very pleased to introduce the St John's Foundation. The Foundation is not new; indeed, over the past 150 years or so it has been providing substantial bursaries to provide an education for the children of the Anglican clergy. Today, however, we are re-launching the Foundation and broadening its remit to provide support for projects across the School.

The Foundation's first priority will be to raise money to fund two free places in each year group for disadvantaged boys or girls. Widening access has always been a priority for the School, and the many Foundationers we have already supported is testament to this. We look forward to welcoming a number of boys and girls into the School on what we will call our 'Albany Award' scheme.

As we implement our plans for the long-term development of St John's, the Foundation will assist us by helping to fund future major capital projects. Each year, the Foundation will also run an Annual Fund, providing support for shorter-term resources and facilities which cannot be funded through normal expenditure and which will enhance the lives of all our pupils.

This brochure sets out our aspirations for the Foundation and St John's. I hope that you both endorse our ambitions and feel able to support us, either now or in the future.

Nicholas Haddock, MBE MA FRGS
Headmaster



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St John's has come a long way since 1852 when just eight pupils sat down for the first lessons in St John's Wood in North London. The School was established through the generosity of private donors as a Foundation to provide an education for the 'sons of the Poor Clergy'. Since those early days the St John's Foundation has funded over 4,000 Foundationers through the School.

St John's has developed and grown in many ways over the years and is now one of the leading independent day and boarding schools in Surrey and the South East. In fact the evolution continues, and by 2014 we will become fully co-educational with 600 pupils in six boys' and three girls' Houses.

The foundations for this future growth are solid. The School's exam results in 2009 were our best to date and we continue our focus on developing the whole individual, bringing the best out of each boy and girl during their time here. We have also made significant investments in the School estate in recent years. Since 2001 over £10 million has been spent on major capital projects including the construction of the Performing Arts Centre, Fairfield House for girls, a major refurbishment of the boarding houses and an impressive new Classroom Block, which will open in Autumn 2010.

Ambitions for the Future

St John's has big ambitions to be recognised as one of the leading schools in the UK.

Key to the future of the School is our ability to fund future investment, not just in resources that enable us to deliver a first class education, but also in widening access to the School and its facilities to those, like the original 'sons of Poor Clergy', who are unable to afford the future an education at St John's provides.

Prudent investment of the annual surplus we generate and strategic borrowings can only get us so far. To help us realise our ambitions for the future, we are reliant on the goodwill and financial support of our wider community: our Old Johnians, Parents and Friends.



We are therefore extending the St John's Foundation, originally established to fund Foundationers, to cover all School fundraising activities. The re-launched St John's Foundation will:

- Fund a new Albany Award scheme aimed at widening access to the School to families regardless of financial position or background.
- Provide a vehicle for funding major capital projects essential for the long-term development of the School.
- Create an Annual Fund to provide for short-term projects not funded through routine expenditure.
- Continue to raise funds to subsidise Foundationer places for the sons and daughters of the Clergy.



St John's finances are tightly managed and controlled and, as a result of this and carefully planned borrowings, we have been able to make major investments in our facilities. However, the income from fees, no matter how well managed, will never provide enough capital to meet St John's ambitious and necessary plans for development and for widening access to our School. The St John's Foundation is of vital importance in enabling us to achieve our goals in providing a top quality education and the very best opportunities for our pupils.

Peter Hickson, Chairman of Governors

Widening access to St John's through the Albany Awards

Our School was founded to give opportunities to young people who would not normally be able to consider a school like St John's. We want to ensure these opportunities remain open. An investment in education is an investment in society; education transforms the lives of individuals and, in turn, the impact they can have on the lives of others around them. The first priority of the St John's Foundation will be to fund two free places per year-group for families who would not otherwise be able to consider sending their children to St John's.

It is intended that these places will be awarded to children from disadvantaged backgrounds who would particularly benefit

from the quality of education and pastoral care that St John's can provide.

These new free places will be known as Albany Awards.



Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we are looking forward to welcoming our first Albany Award pupils to St John's in 2010.

Widening access has always been a priority for St John's.

We are keen that our new Albany Awards encourage admissions from a diverse range of backgrounds, and are forming partnerships with other educational charities to help recruit pupils. We are also building our links with maintained schools, particularly primary schools, in Surrey and the South East.

It is extremely important to the School that our pupils are representative of a broad spectrum of upbringing and personal circumstances. We have seen numerous examples of children, who have only been able to attend St John's because of financial assistance, inspiring and motivating their peers and making significant contributions to School life.

In turn, we believe that the education and pastoral care for which St John's is renowned is capable of providing life-changing opportunities to children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Why 'Albany' Awards?

HRH Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, was the youngest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and was an early patron of St John's School. After his untimely death in 1884 aged just 30, the then Chairman of the Governors, Charles Churchill, founded eight Albany Scholarships at St John's in his memory – offering free places at St John's to deserving boys. These scholarships were funded by generous donations from the School's supporters, but could no longer be provided when funding ceased.



I came to St John's in 1995 having seen a promotional flyer about Foundationers and told my parents that I would like to look around. My mother was horrified at the thought of her youngest being shipped off to boarding school – a feeling that got worse on the day they left me at St John's – but I am glad to say it had no lasting effect on her. Unlike the effect the school has had on me! I feel that I have been so very privileged to attend a school like St John's and so very thankful that the Foundation was and is there to help families like mine. All the Foundationers throughout my five years at the school had a unique bond. I now work for a large medical company having trained as a Therapeutic Radiographer and worked in the NHS for several years. Without the aid of the Foundation, I would never have been able to attend St John's, nor had the many opportunities I had whilst at the school, and indeed I would not have been able to progress my career to where it is today.



David Birchmore, Foundationer 1995-2000



Foundationers – A Continuation of our Heritage

St John's is committed to maintaining the Founder places we offer to the sons and daughters of clergy.

The cost of our Foundationers is partly funded by a small investment fund, generated through past philanthropy. Over the years the cost of schooling has far exceeded the returns this fund generates.

We aim to build this fund to cover fully the cost of these highly subsidised places for children of clergy.



I am very grateful to the St John's foundation for the education I received at St John's. Thanks to inspiring teaching, I developed an abiding interest in the subjects I studied for A Level (languages and literature). I was also given great opportunities for pursuing activities outside the classroom (music and public speaking). And I would like to think that something of the ethos of the school (Christian and aspirational, whilst also tolerant and not over elitist) may have rubbed off on me. I am delighted that I was able to send my own son to St John's.

Andrew Lenon QC
Founder 1970-1974

Long Term Development of the School

A quality education is about the facilities provided for pupils, as well as the teaching and support we offer, and St John's has an ambitious vision for the development of the School.

We are currently completing the first phase, being a new state-of-the-art Classroom Block, which will also accommodate the Library. New facilities for girls will also be provided by September 2010, enabling the School to grow and implement its plans for co-education.

Future plans include:

- Expansion of the Chapel to accommodate our increased pupil numbers.
- Conversion of the old Chapel (currently the Library) into a multi-purpose space for performances, examinations and seminars.
- Refurbishment of the old Design & Technology department for use as pupils' social space



and a base for Combined Cadet Force and outdoor activities.

- The provision of new, specialist sports facilities.
- Additional accommodation for girls.

The St John's Foundation will support the School in realising its plans for the future within the next 5-10 years, thereby creating the best possible environment for pupils to flourish.





The Annual Fund

Each year, the St John's Foundation will invite members of the St John's community to contribute to an Annual Fund, which will provide support for short-term projects within the School and supplement our longer-term fundraising activities.



Money raised through the Annual Fund will provide resources and facilities that could not be funded through routine expenditure. Funds can be allocated according to a donor's wishes and, as far as possible, in the same year it is given, so that our pupils can enjoy immediate benefits.

Help us make a Difference

Financial support from private donors has had a considerable part to play through each phase of St John's development: from the recruitment of our first eight Foundationers in 1852 and the move to Leatherhead twenty years later, to the building of the current chapel in the 1960s, and, most recently, the gift of a new chapel window in 2009.

With your help we can build on this success to help realise St John's vision for the future.

We hope that all members of our community will consider supporting the St John's Foundation, either now or in the future. Together we can make a huge difference to life at St John's and to the education we are able to offer our boys and girls.

How recent gifts have helped St John's



In 2009, St John's received a very generous donation to fund a new stained glass window in the chapel. The new design depicts a golden eagle soaring upwards, representing St John the Evangelist and Apostle.

Thanks to a legacy from one of our supporters, we will be able to purchase bespoke, high quality furnishings for the new Library in the Classroom Block.



Thanks to the support of a donor, St John's is in the process of creating a digitised version of the School archives, including The Jobnian magazine, The Old Jobnian and School records. This will be available online in a searchable database.



Giving to the St John's Foundation

Gifts to the St John's Foundation can be designated for specific projects or used at the discretion of the School. We will ensure that all money is used for the purpose for which it is given and in full accordance with donors' wishes.

Donations may be made via Gift Aid as individual sums or paid in instalments over a number of years. The St John's Foundation can also accept gifts of shares and there are significant tax advantages to giving in this way. A bequest through a will is also a tax-efficient way of making a substantial contribution.



Donor Recognition

We are happy to discuss naming opportunities with donors, where appropriate, although we will respect the wishes of donors who wish to remain anonymous.

St John's has a comprehensive programme of stewardship for donors, including invitations to special events and publications specifically for donors. We also keep donors informed about the progress of our fundraising and the projects they are supporting.

How can I help?

The future of St John's lies in the hands of all our stakeholders – the Old Johnians, parents, Friends and staff who care about this wonderful School. We hope that everyone will feel able to support us with our plans by making a gift to the St John's Foundation, either now or in the future.

We look forward to sharing the progress of the Foundation with you over the coming months and years.



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