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# Seeking your support

The Wells Cathedral School Foundation seeks your support in raising funding towards bursaries.

Wells is both a leading UK independent school and an internationally renowned Specialist Music School. 200 of our 700 pupils learn music performance at the highest level, while other pupils focus on other academic disciplines or sport. With a balanced coeducational and international mix of pupils, many parents choose Wells because of our capacity to care. All our pupils are nurtured as well as educated; empowered as well as focused on success.

Some highly skilled musicians need financial help to come to Wells. A number of children who are brilliant at mathematics and other subjects also need financial help. Others come from unhappy or disadvantaged backgrounds, needing the flexible educational approach and school life which vulnerable children often need, but can seldom access.

While Wells provides a significant proportion of our annual income in bursary assistance, it is never enough. Investment income from the school's very modest £0.5M endowment can't make the difference we want to make and should make. We must build a more adequate endowment for the future, and be able to offer immediate help to those who need it most. When a parent dies and family income and financial stability is lost, our school must have the capacity to help.



## Our opportunity to give back

The school's limited resources severely restrict the amount of assistance we are able to provide each year and many deserving children are unable to join the school due to financial circumstances.

Your financial assistance would help us to open our doors more widely. Your gift would be an investment in the life of at least one young person whose growth, development and future will be immeasurably enhanced by their time at Wells. We are keen to discuss gifts for bursaries or scholarships, endowed or for immediate use. Naming opportunities are available.

"The most time-consuming, and often rewarding, challenge of my Headship was the ceaseless search for funds to enable students both to remain in, and to join, the school. To succeed in the search, and to watch the student benefiting from the fine education Wells provides, was a source of huge satisfaction and pride.



The need today is even greater. I am pleased to chair a powerful Committee that has been formed to seek immediate bursary support and to build endowment funds large enough to help deserving young persons enjoy *a brilliant foundation for life*. Please help us, in whatever way you can, to meet this most important and urgent need."

**JOHN BAXTER** – HEAD OF WELLS 1986 - 2000  
*Chairman, Bursary Fundraising Committee*

"One of my greatest joys is to be able to tell a parent that the school has awarded a bursary to their child who would otherwise be unable to join the Wells family. Whether it is a gifted musician from a single-parent family or a brilliant mathematician from a former Eastern Bloc country, the reaction is invariably the same: profound thanks – often tear-filled – and a clear recognition of the life-changing opportunity that a Wells education offers.



Despite the generosity of existing benefactors, the school's limited resources prevent it from meeting the demand for bursaries. Each year we turn away deserving children who would have greatly benefitted from the inspiring education that Wells offers. I hope that 'Old Wellensians', parents, staff and friends of the school will add funds to our bursary endowment, helping more children over the long term, and that others will offer funds for immediate use, as we seek to assist families who suffer sudden financial need, often in devastating circumstances. We need your support. I very much hope that you will feel able to make a contribution to our bursary fund-raising appeal."

**ASHLEY DEACON**  
*Registrar*



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