



THE
BLUE COAT
SCHOOL

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more

Support our Development Fund



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A MESSAGE FROM *The Headteacher*



The Blue Coat School is special. Special because of the 'extras' our students enjoy and appreciate on top of great teaching and learning.

As an Academy we use our budget wisely to ensure that our students get maximum benefit from our funding. However, we are an ambitious school, and we want to ensure that we are able to provide all the additional resources and opportunities that we know make a Blue Coat School education so beneficial to students' personal and social development as much as their academic progress.

We do this by inviting parents, Old Blues and friends of the School to support the Development Fund, and we are delighted that so many choose to join our community of supporters.

I hope you will feel inspired to support the School by giving a donation to help sustain and develop this culture. Gifts of all sizes help us give the best students the best experience, and on behalf of the School and our students – thank you.

Mr MA Pennington
Headteacher, The Blue Coat School

The Development Fund

We are built on philanthropy

It is because of philanthropy that The Blue Coat School is in existence. In 1708 Master Mariner Bryan Blundell and Reverend Robert Styth recognised the need for a place to accommodate the poor children of Liverpool where they could be cared for and could learn to 'read, write and cast accounts'. Blundell gave a financial gift and Styth dedicated his time and energy to setting up the School and we are grateful to this day for their pioneering vision. We have a strong history of philanthropy and we aim to keep this spirit of giving alive today through our ambitious fundraising activities.

What does the Development Fund do?

The Development Fund was established to fund the 'extras' to ensure that we are able to provide the very best opportunities for our students. Each year we set funding priorities and ask our staff and students to submit applications for projects that meet these priorities and that we know will have an immediate impact on our students.

It's about making a difference

Since we launched the Development Fund donations from parents, staff, Old Blues and friends of the School have supported a fantastic range of projects, from new Duke of Edinburgh expedition equipment making the programme accessible to all, to a laser cut printer which provides our students with an opportunity to learn about Computer Aided Design. Projects that we have funded range in cost from as little as £60 to bigger projects costing several thousand pounds and we always ensure that every project we fund delivers *value for money* and *big impact*.

Sixth Form student Alex is congratulated on receiving his Gold British Physics Olympiad award. The Development Fund provided funding to cover the entry fees for this prestigious competition.



Every student throughout the school benefits from donations generously given to the Development Fund.



What did we achieve in 2017/18?

Year on year our community of Development Fund supporters continues to grow and thanks to their generosity we are able to support an increasing number of projects that enhance Blue Coat School life for our students. We are pleased to work closely with the Parents' Association, and often co-fund projects to achieve maximum impact for our students. Here's a snap shot of some of the fantastic projects we were able to fund in 2017/18:



OUTDOOR CHESS

Thanks to the generosity of Development Fund supporters and the Parents' Association our students have access to two outdoor chess sets, providing our chess enthusiasts with a new opportunity to perfect their skills and welcome newcomers to the game.

SIXTH FORM YOGA



“Year 13 has been the most challenging year of my academic career so far, and at times it was so easy to get lost among schoolwork and responsibilities, so being able to relax and calm myself in Yoga sessions was invaluable in terms of the impact on my mental well-being. The sessions allowed me to refocus my goals and connect with my peers in a unique and special way that has enriched my friendships, my Blue Coat experience and my mental health.” Joseph, Year 13



NEW HOCKEY EQUIPMENT

Prior to receiving funding our hockey goalkeepers struggled with their disintegrating equipment.



*“It’s great! I’m going to save a lot more goals with our new protective equipment!”
Year 9 goalkeeper Isabella*



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

From the European Youth Parliament to the British Physics Olympiad, Development Fund funding has provided our students with a chance to participate in a broad range of prestigious competitions, allowing students from Years 7 to 13 to demonstrate their knowledge and passion on a national stage.

LEGO MINDSTORMS

Thanks to the Development Fund and Parents' Association our students have access to Lego Mindstorms, a new creative and engaging form of computer science. Our students have been busy putting their new computational thinking and problem solving skills to the test during a series of popular extra-curricular activities.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Development Fund funding enabled our History and Politics department to launch a new Model United Nations event. Student ambassadors from across the School debated a series of issues affecting the international community and engaged in high stakes diplomacy.

DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

Robert Louis Stephenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde was brought to life for our GCSE English students during a special live performance thanks to the Development Fund. The performance, which was followed by an actor Q&A session, provided invaluable support to students in their understanding of Stephenson's challenging text.

Our Development Fund priorities for 2018/19

We believe in the power and value of education to change lives and change the world. Our vision is to be able to deliver more effective and high quality learning to our students, widening access to a Blue Coat School education and enhancing the opportunities available to our students. We will do this by providing the very best resources and facilities to enable our students to achieve their potential and ambitions.



Making things better

The Development Fund will support projects that simply make things better for our students. This will be through the improvement of outside spaces and the enhancement of common areas.



Helping the school deliver more effective and high quality learning

The Development Fund will support projects that help to enhance the learning experience by creating an inspirational learning environment for our students. We will provide funding to upgrade or invest in new resources and facilities that will have a real impact on our students' Blue Coat experience.



Widening access and enhancing opportunities

The Development Fund will fund projects that ensure all students have access to as many opportunities as possible to help them achieve their potential. This will include enabling students to take part in local, regional and national competitions, providing equipment for extra-curricular activities and funding projects that focus on the wellbeing of our students.



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*How do we make sure that we make an **IMPACT?***

- Throughout the year we ask staff and students to submit funding bids for projects or equipment that meet one or more of our priorities. All bids must be able to demonstrate specific outcomes for our students – we want to make sure that every donation we receive is having an impact.
- These bids are then approved by our Headteacher who has a clear strategic oversight of all sources of funding and activities within the school.
- The Development Team then works closely with the member of staff leading on the project to monitor the funds and find out about the outcomes for each project. This means we can then report back to our supporters on the impact of their giving. Every year we produce an annual Giving Report which provides an overview of all projects supported and demonstrates the impact of all donations received.
- As well as contributing to one of our annual priorities the Development Fund also gives us flexibility, so that we are able to contribute to projects at the School where the need is greatest.

Why you give

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“The scope and scale of Development Fund projects is a fantastic illustration of The Blue Coat School’s commitment to providing its students with an education that is enriched with a wide range of extra-curricular activities.”

Year 7 parent

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“Whether you contribute each month or once a year you are helping to create new and engaging opportunities that our children will remember long after they have completed their Blue Coat education.”

Year 12 parent

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“Blue Coat provided me with an exceptional education which I am incredibly grateful for. Supporting the Development Fund is a way to give back to the School that provided me with so many happy memories.”

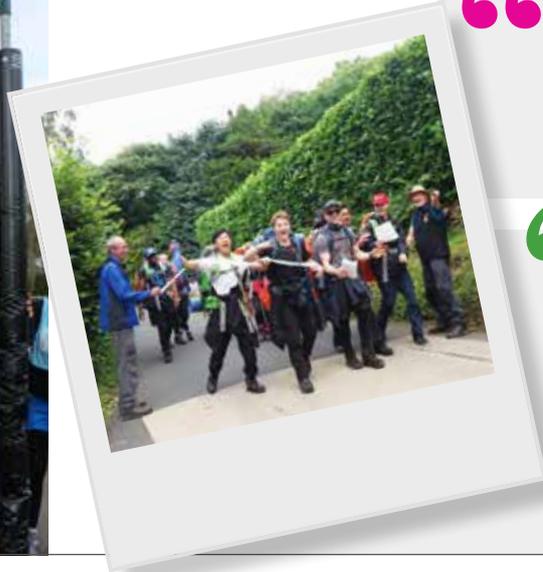
Old Blue, Class of 2008

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“The Blue Coat’s ethos of instilling a lifelong love of learning is supported by the Development team thanks to the generous contributions made by members of the school community. I am proud to be a member of this network which continues to help enhance our children’s learning environment.” Year 13 parent

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“Development Fund projects have become an integral part of The Blue Coat School. Like so many other parents, I am proud to support the Fund.” Year 8 parent

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“It gives me great pleasure to see and hear first-hand from my child the positive impact that Development Fund projects have had, such as new friendships they have made and the new skills and confidence they have acquired.” Year 10 parent

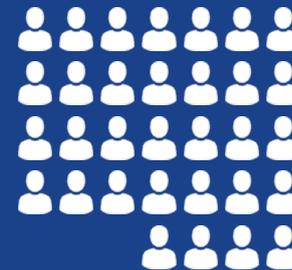
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Join our community of supporters

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters to date we have achieved great things with our Development Fund. With your help, we can accomplish even more!

We invite you to make a voluntary contribution to our Development Fund. It is about the spirit of participation rather than the level of gift – this is an opportunity for you to get involved at whatever level you can afford.

Together we can achieve great things.



Ways to give



Regular giving

Supporting the Development Fund with a regular gift is invaluable as it enables us to plan for the future. You can support us over a period of time that you choose in a way that is affordable to you. The majority of our supporters give a monthly gift. To support us in this way please complete our Donation Form and return to the Development Office.

Making a single gift

Should you wish to support us with a single gift please complete our Donation Form and send a cheque, made payable to '*Blue Coat Charitable Donations*' to the Development Office.

Payroll giving

Many companies run a Payroll Giving or Give as you Earn scheme, with several companies offering to match donations that employees make to charity. Under these schemes your donation is deducted from your salary before tax and your employer will then send your donation to an approved Payroll Giving Agency who will forward it on, plus any matched employer giving, to us. Although Payroll Giving needs to be set up directly through your employer, we would be grateful if you could please inform us that you are supporting us in this way so that we can track your gifts and, of course, thank you for your support.

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Increasing the value of your gift – Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can further increase the value of your gift by allowing us to claim Gift Aid on your donation. This adds 25% to the total of your donation, without costing you an extra penny. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim back the difference between the basic rate of tax and the higher rate on all gross Gift Aid donations made each tax year.

Your Monthly Gift	Your Annual Gift with Gift Aid
£10	£150
£20	£300
£50	£750
£100	£1500

Gift Aid can be applied to both regular and single gifts. If you are eligible for Gift Aid please ensure you have completed our Gift Aid Declaration.



The success of the Development Fund continues through your generosity



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Find out more

Should you wish to discuss your giving, or would like further information on how you can support our ambitious plans, please contact our Development Team:

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'not for oneself but for all'

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