



Development Update



Message from the Head of Development

Good afternoon

This term has seen the Wordsworthian community come together in various ways to support our development projects and campaigns. From single donations and pupil fundraising challenges to large-scale events with famous alumni.

We also have some very exciting news to share with you about the Bishopgate Buildings so please read on to find out more!

The Development team and staff at Bishop's are busy planning fundraising events, contacting potential sponsors, and applying for grants to raise funds.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the school through kindly donating funds and/or time, we very much appreciate your help.

I hope you enjoy the Easter break.
Best wishes

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Buying Bishopgate - Building for the Future

The Bishopgate buildings, located on the East side of Exeter Street, are currently used by the Bishop's Music Department and consist of late Victorian buildings that were originally the school's Headmaster's House and Boarding House together with a group of portakabins. What you may not know is that until February 2023 the school did not actually own Bishopgate. Instead, for decades Bishop's has paid a full commercial rent for use of the buildings, whose owner was the 'Bishop Wordsworth Educational Trust'. It could only happen in Salisbury surely – a building built for but not owned by the school, run by a trust whose name bears the name of the Founder! To cut a very, very long story short the trustees finally agreed to sell the Bishopgate buildings and site to the school in Autumn 2022, and the sale was completed in February, following some outstanding negotiating by the school's Bursar, Barry Smith.

Now that we have ownership we can build, and a successful bid to the DfE for grant funding has yielded just under £1 million for the purpose; together with our own resources we can construct a new classroom block, improving the learning environment immeasurably and providing much needed additional space for the curriculum too.

What will the new building be used for?

We are planning to build 6-8 general use classrooms plus offices and toilets. In time, the rooms may be given specific departmental ownership but not at this stage.

How is the project being funded?

The total value of the project is around £2.3 million, with a £980k government grant and the remainder from the school and donations.



When is the work expected to start?

Work is expected to begin at the end of 2023 and be completed by Summer 2024.

Who is the architect and the building company for the project?

The architect for the project is Peter Smith Associates and a building company was appointed during the application process for the government grant.

Fundraising to fit out the new building

Due to rising costs, we will need additional funds to cover the cost of fitting out the new building and renovating the existing buildings.

We will need help from parents and the wider Wordsworthian community to help us raise funds for new equipment and resources for the Bishopgate classroom block. We will keep you updated about the project and how you can help.

Please PITCH IN

Our PITCH IN fundraising campaign aims to raise £186,000 for a much-needed multi-use games area (MUGA) at Britford Lane. The new facility will allow all pupils to have enjoyment and benefit from exercise on a surface which can be used throughout the year. Being able to host several different PE activities in one area will have big space-saving benefits for the school whilst extending the programme of sports which we can offer. We will also have the opportunity to open up the facility to local community groups such as sports clubs, summer sports camps providers and primary schools.

The new 40 metre x 28 metre MUGA will include the following features:

- 5 retractable cricket lanes for bowling and batting practice
- Skills practice for team sports such as rugby, lacrosse, hockey and football
- A netball court
- 1-2 tennis courts
- 5-aside football pitch markings
- 5-aside hockey pitch markings
- Fan/advantage flag areas for Lacrosse
- Space for general fitness training and PE activities

We want to get our project underway as soon as possible so that pupils can benefit from the new facilities. Our aim is to begin construction in Summer 2024 so that the MUGA is ready for use in Autumn 2024.

PLAN B

Raising funds is particularly hard work in the current financial climate, as such we have a Plan B. If we do not manage to raise the full cost of the MUGA (including pledged funds from grant making organisations) by Summer 2024, then we plan to go ahead with the project, but reduce the size of the pitch which would reduce the overall cost of the project. The reduced size would cost £96,000, but this would sadly mean we would not have space for a 5-aside hockey court.



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HOUSE COMPETITION

Pupils are also ensuring they have 'skin in the game' by taking part in a PITCH IN House Competition to raise funds. Some of our superstar pupils include Adam, Nick, Oscar and Zach from 9W who walked a marathon distance of 26 miles along the Clarendon Way from Salisbury to Winchester and raised over £1,000 for Ward House. And Freddie Shardlow has raised nearly £400 singlehandedly with his Lord's cricket tickets raffle. Thank you, boys!

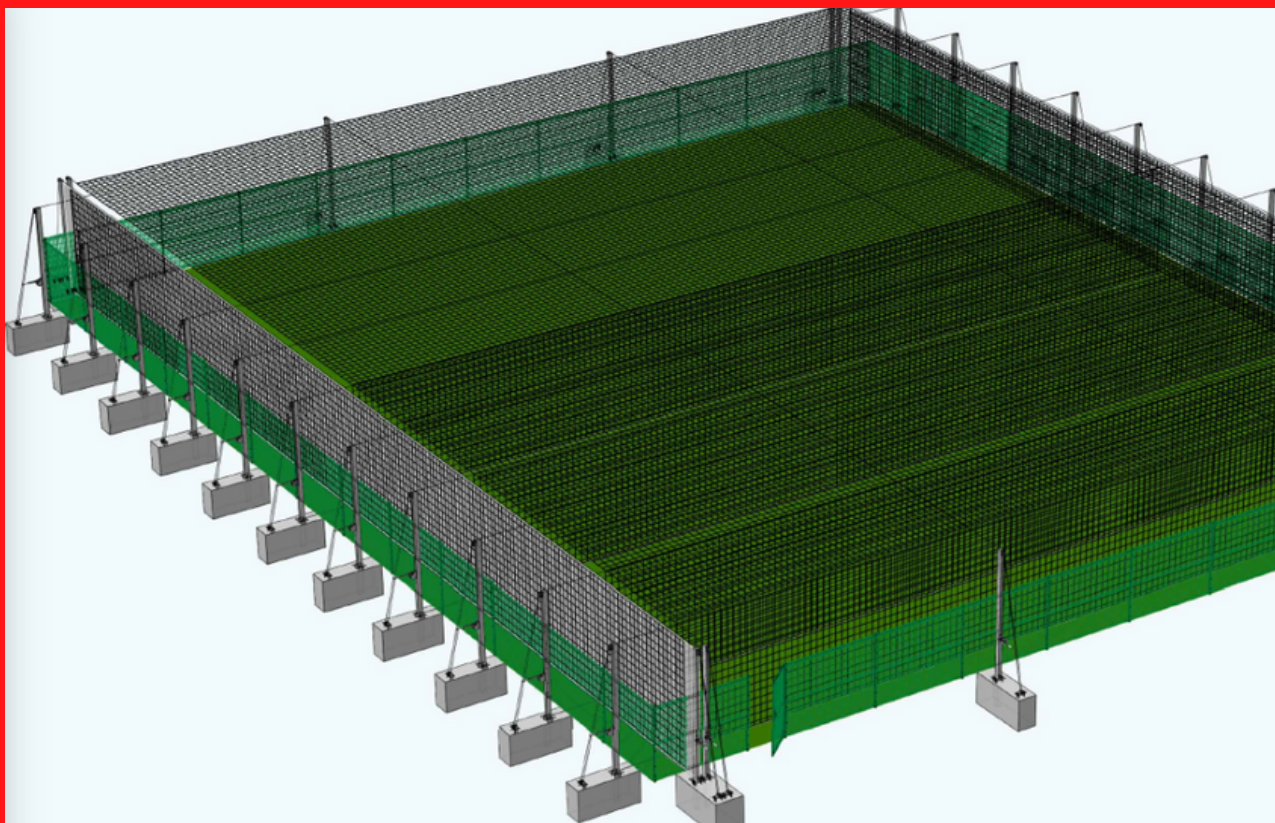
HOW CAN YOU PITCH IN?

Please join us by donating now and become part of the continuing and inspiring story that is sport at Bishop's. There are many ways in which you or your business could support this campaign:

- A single donation – every penny goes towards the fundraising target
- Have your child's name on our PITCH IN Campaign Donor Board (Join the Century Club, Hat Trick Club, 501 Not Out Club or 1st XV Club)
- Individual Cricket Net sponsorship
- Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities for businesses -
- Sports kit sponsorship from £500
- Matched giving via your employer
- Attend one of our fundraising events
- Support your child's House in the PITCH IN House Competition via GoFundMe

To support us please go to: <https://bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus>

For further information about the PITCH IN campaign, please contact Caroline Popham: cep@bishopwordsworths.org.uk



FINE TUNING the Music Department



Last year, Mr Edney invited our music scholars and prefects to a meeting to discuss plans for 2023, and in particular fundraising for the Music Department.

24 HOUR MUSICATHON

The group brainstormed various ideas for raising money and one that stood out was a 24-hour musicathon, 24 hours of non-stop music where all the performers would get friends and families to sponsor them.

Fast forward to the beginning of January and the pupils went into action to prepare a timetable for the event. The orchestra started the event, playing a 45-minute set on the lawn of No. 11 in near freezing temperatures, but at least the rain held off. The afternoon saw many of the lower and middle school pupils giving performances from 30 seconds to 15 minutes and it was wonderful to see many children perform that hadn't before. The choir and big band took us into the evening with concerts in the Drama Studio and Halfsharp, the sixth form jazz ensemble, gave a brilliant concert late on Friday evening. It was at this point that the herculean effort began from the group of year 11-13 pupils who were there for the duration. We saw vocal recitals, experimental jazz duos, Bach cello suites, Bach violin suites, solo piano recitals, acapella barbershop performances and many more.

The staying power of these young musicians was incredible, and the standard of music didn't drop either. Other pupils started returning around 6am and we even had an Organ recital before breakfast! Lots more individual performances continued throughout the morning until the choir returned for another short concert and they were then joined by the orchestra and others for a mass performance of Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

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In total the musicathon raised over £5,500, taking the total music department fundraising to nearly £9,000. An amazing effort from staff, pupils and parents and we couldn't be more grateful, but we are still a way off our target of £100,000 so the fundraising continues. With a fantastic schedule of music concerts and activities this year, there are plenty of opportunities to support the music department.

WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?

The Music Department is raising funds for better facilities, equipment and technology to help every pupil achieve their musical best, including a cutting edge music technology suite, a recording studio, and new musical instruments for our pupils to use:

- £25,000 - Music Technology Suite (33 x Apple Mac Minis for pupils, new cabling, 1x Apple iMac, and Apple Logic Pro music software)
- £25,000 - 5 x pianos
- £50,000 - Recording Studio

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PITCH IN CAMPAIGN Fundraising evening and Dinner with Old Wordsworthians Richard Hill MBE and Richard Larcombe, 15 December 2022

Old Wordsworthian and England Rugby World Cup winner, Richard Hill MBE, returned to Bishop's to support our PITCH IN campaign which was launched last Spring to raise funds to build a fully enclosed, multi-use games area (MUGA) at the school's Britford Lane sports ground.

Richard, a key member of the World Cup-winning team in 2003, gave a hugely entertaining talk, followed by a Q&A session in the sports hall.

Hill, who still has family in Salisbury, shared entertaining stories about his time on and off the pitch, from his days as a Bishop's schoolboy to his time as a British and Irish Lion.

The talk was followed by Terry and her team's legendary Christmas dinner in the Dining Hall for over 100 OW's, current pupils, parents and local rugby fans.

Hill, 49, played for Salisbury Rugby Club before making 288 appearances for Saracens. He played 71 times for England and made five appearances for the Lions.

During the talk, Hill spoke positively of his time at Bishop Wordsworth's and Salisbury Rugby Club, and praised the foundations and rugby knowledge this provided him with. He said this upbringing was a big factor in his later career.

After the interview - expertly conducted by another Old Wordsworthian and Salisbury Rugby Club president, Richard Larcombe - Hill took questions from the audience, which ranged from England's best young prospects, to the sacking of Eddie Jones, the man who twice gave Hill opportunities to progress his career in rugby.

In 2019, Hill was appointed Team Manager of the England Rugby Team, having previously served in a similar role with the England Saxons.

He said: "I'm very sad for Eddie. He is a very intelligent, very passionate rugby man, and the results are on all of us. Coaches, staff, players. I am very sad that the results have meant a decision needed to be made."

Richard not only gave his time to support the school, but also donated one of his personalised England Rugby Anthem jackets for an online fundraising auction.

The talk, dinner and auction raised over £13,000 for the PITCH IN campaign. Huge thanks to Hilly and Larky, to the Bishop Wordsworth's Parents Association (BWSPA), HalfSharp band, Spencer Mulholland Photography, and to everyone who joined us at the event, or who donated or bid for auction items.





Bishop Wordsworth's Regular Giving



We would like to give parents, guardians and supporters of the school the opportunity to support the school in a way that will have an immediate beneficial effect. Regular donations to The Bishop Wordsworth's Trust create crucial annual revenue, enabling us to enhance the school's educational provision and extracurricular activities that are not possible from the school's current income.

Recent donations have been spent on a variety of projects, including a synthetic grass area, canopies, science equipment, sports equipment, and refurbishment of the Drama Studio and Sports Hall floors. This appeal aims to create crucial annual revenue towards improving the recreational space around the school site and for additional music, art and computer equipment and infrastructure.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please join us by donating now and become part of the continuing and inspiring story that is Bishop Wordsworth's. There are many ways in which you or your business could help:

- A single donation – every penny goes towards the fundraising target
- Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities for businesses
- Corporate donations
- Matched giving via your employer
- Take part in forthcoming events
- Sponsor pupil fundraising activities
- Suggest your own fundraising event or activity
- Give your time to help with fundraising events

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The BWS Foundation



The BWS Foundation was set up by Old Wordsworthians and aims to provide bursaries and careers enablement for Bishop's Year 13 pupils and alumni.

Widening Access

The BWS Foundation is committed to ensuring that talented young people from all backgrounds can benefit from the exceptional education Bishop's provides, regardless of their financial means, through access to bursaries. We are grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our donors who are already supporting bursary funds.

Helping with Internships and Work Experience

Getting a place on a summer internship programme can help you gain exposure to the working environment, provide networking opportunities and help strengthen University and job applications.

The BWS Foundation has a successful Careers Enablement scheme, headed up by Old Wordsworthian and Foundation Trustee, Jonathan Shaw. The scheme helps pupils, undergraduates and graduates with setting up work experience, internships, and giving careers advice in the City of London and other careers.

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Careers Enablement Success Stories

"As a second year undergrad, The BWS Foundation helped me prepare for face-to-face interviews for internships, and also gave me options for where I could spend the summer before my final year at university. Off the back of my internship I received a full-time grad offer (where I currently work), so BWSF helped me secure this offer through interview prep and subject-matter learning." **Tom Barrett**

"BWS Foundation Trustee, Jon Shaw, gave me the opportunity for a month's work experience for a month at his firm, Shawpoint. However, the support has extended further than this as I have been helped with advice about what to research, what to read, what to learn and most importantly how to act and respond in certain situations. I am very grateful for the support - it has definitely helped me to achieve a better outcome. Initially, I was guided into choosing appropriate books to help me understand the culture of banking and this, together with regular phone calls throughout the year, has not only further fuelled my motivation for banking but has also given me a greater insight into city life." **Sam Waters**

"I found it very difficult to get past initial CV screenings with limited work experience in finance (investment banking in particular), despite having good academics. At the larger banks the volume of applicants was very high and therefore felt like a numbers game - without having something concrete to talk about I felt at a disadvantage. A lot of candidates came into University with a better understanding of the industry and were applying for Spring Weeks / Internships in their First Year - I did not start looking until Year 2, by which point a lot of my peers had already gained some CV experience. This made it difficult to get onto any IB internship programmes (I interned in Market Data instead), which then made it even more challenging for graduate roles in IB. I got in touch with The BWS Foundation through a friend from Bishop's who had supported him in getting his first graduate role. Jon Shaw gave me some reassurance that everyone was in a similar situation - we then worked out a plan together as to how I was going to secure my first role. This involved multiple strategies including cold calling boutique banks, reaching out to the BWS network, and (most importantly) completing 2 weeks of work experience with Jon's firm. This work experience gave me the necessary leverage to start getting through the door and I began getting interviews in IB, PE and other related finance roles. Within 6 months I had gone from no interviews, to multiple interviews per week with some great banks and was eventually offered an internship at Drake Star Partners, where I currently work as a Senior Analyst." **Dan Whittaker**