

ABOVE & BEYOND

Taking our school above and beyond expectations



Registered Charity Number: 309475 (England and Wales)

TAKING BISHOP'S ABOVE & BEYOND



Clubs & Societies

Free lunchtime clubs and societies such as Chess, Debating, Drama, Engineering, PolSoc, LawSoc, and MedSoc



Adventure

Resources and staff to maintain our status as one of the largest providers of outdoor education in the South



Sport

Specialist equipment, coaching and extracurricular opportunities



Art

Art Technicians and specialist equipment and supplies



Careers

Extended project work, UCAS, Medical School and Degree Apprenticeship applications, HE and Careers conference, and visiting external speakers



STEM

Specialist equipment, Technicians and resources for experiments, STEM Club, and practicals for all years



Music

Extracurricular opportunities including bands, choirs, Music Theory and Orchestra clubs



Building Futures

Improvements to our buildings, facilities and grounds



Our aim is to support every student's growth and help them reach their full potential through a wide range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. From academic enrichment to music, art, sport, drama, adventures, and numerous clubs and societies, students are encouraged to explore new interests and discover their talents, making Bishop Wordsworth's a truly special place to learn.

We need your help

Providing this exceptional experience - one that goes far beyond the standard curriculum - comes with significant costs, and limited government funding makes this increasingly challenging. To ensure we can continue offering the full 'Bishop's experience' to every student, both now and in the future, we rely on the generosity of our parent community. Without this financial support, we simply couldn't fund the resources, equipment, and refurbishment projects that will enrich your child's learning environment.

We are asking every new parent who possibly can, to join our monthly Above & Beyond donation initiative at a level that feels comfortable for you. Every contribution, regardless of its size, gives all pupils the opportunity to excel, dream, create, explore, and lead.

Join our Above & Beyond monthly giving initiative

The Above & Beyond regular giving appeal helps bridge the gap between basic Government funding and the full Bishop Wordsworth's experience. Government funding provides the school with the resources for day-to-day teaching and learning. It does not contribute towards the wide range of out-of-the-classroom activities we provide. Monthly donations directly support resources for lunchtime Clubs and Societies, enhanced Careers provision (such as our annual HE and Careers Conference), Art, Music and Drama equipment, opportunities for Sport and Adventure, STEM, DT and computing resources, additional pastoral care, improvements to our buildings and grounds - and much more.

Bishop Wordsworth's currently suggests a monthly donation of £15-£30 per child. We recognise that every family's circumstances are different, and there is absolutely no expectation to contribute at this level if it is not manageable for you. Our suggested donation has been informed by benchmarking against similar state grammar schools, while remaining mindful of the pressures many families face. Most importantly, regular support at any level makes a genuine difference. When many families contribute what they comfortably can, together this creates a meaningful fund that directly benefits pupils and the wider school community. Your support will help us continue to provide an ambitious and enriched education for all students.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP TO REGULAR GIVING?

The majority of parents who are able to support us, make a regular monthly donation by standing order. This is the most efficient way to donate, and our preference, as it spreads the cost of your donation over the year and provides a reliable income stream that allows us to plan ahead.

Monthly amount you pay (£)	Total amount you pay per year (£)	Gift Aid claimed by BWS (£)	Gift amount school receives (£)
15	180	45	225
30	360	90	450
40	480	120	600
100	1200	300	1500

GIFT AID

However you choose to donate, for every £1 donated by UK taxpayers Bishop Wordsworth's can claim an additional 25p from the Government via the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the box when making a donation to enable us to maximise the value of your gift. **If you are a higher rate tax payer, there is even better news. You can reclaim part of your donation in your next tax return, so a donation of £100, including Gift Aid, actually only costs you £55.**

REGULAR DONATIONS

Standing Order: set up via your Online banking/App to ensure 100% of your donation is received by the School:

- Name of account: Bishop Wordsworth's School - Income Appeal
- Sort Code: 30-97-41
- Account number: 03905201
- Reference: please use the name of your Son/Daughter as the standing order reference

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF): access the platform and select 'I'd like to give regularly':

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/28940>

MAKING A SINGLE DONATION

We always welcome single donations, large or small. You can set up a one-off payment via the following:

Online Banking: set up via your Online banking/App to ensure 100% of your donation is received by the School:

- Name of account: Bishop Wordsworth's School - Income Appeal
- Sort Code: 30-97-41
- Account number: 03905201
- Reference: please use the name of your Son/Daughter as the transfer reference

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) please login and select 'Above and Beyond Appeal'

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF): access the platform and select 'Just one Donation':

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/28940>

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OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Matched giving via your employer

If your employer offers a matched-giving scheme, you could double the value of your donation to BWS. Contact your employer to find out if they support matched giving. Donations made through a matched-giving scheme are “topped up” by your employer sometimes pound-for-pound—increasing the amount that Bishop’s receives. The details of how matched-giving schemes work can vary from one company to another. Some schemes top-up donations by a percentage of the original gift. Other schemes offer to match gifts up to a certain amount.

Corporate giving

If you are a business owner, you can donate through your company, which will be eligible for tax relief in the period in which the payment is made.

Giving your time

You can also support Bishop Wordsworth's by giving your time to help our parents' association, the BWSPA, which raises crucial funds for our School through fun activities and events. You can help by attending or volunteering at events - please get in touch with the BWSPA at <https://www.bwspa.org.uk> if you would like to find out how you can help.

Supporting families in need

For students and families facing financial difficulties, support may be available. The Old Wordsworthians' Association, the Bishop Wordsworth's School Foundation, the 16-19 Bursary Fund, and the School Hardship Fund all offer the opportunity to apply for assistance with costs such as uniforms, extracurricular activities, and transport. To apply, please visit the Financial Assistance section of the Bishop Wordsworth's website.

More Information

If you would like more information about how you can support our School and our 'Above and Beyond' Appeal, please contact:

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