Clocktower



DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2019 AND THANK YOU TO DONORS

The bedrock of The Duke of York's Royal Military School is its charitable and altruistic heritage, first created to foster the orphaned children of British Soldiers killed in action.

The children in 1803 were given a great opportunity to make the very most of their lives, despite the hardships of losing their fathers. The School has since developed and diversified into an incredible institution that provides students with an inimitable education, in both curricular and extra-curricular capacities. The founding School core values are still the same today: courage, integrity, respect, commitment, loyalty and self-discipline.

Yet in the face of shrivelling budgets and soaring living costs, the School's registered charity – The Dukies' Foundation – provides beneficial support for bursaries, projects, events and vital equipment. The backing provided by you, the Clocktower Society, contributes immeasurably towards imbuing the necessary skills and confidence our students need to succeed.

As a School and as a community we are infinitely grateful to all of our alumni, parents, friends and staff who donate to The Dukies' Foundation.

In gratitude, we invite our donors to join the Clocktower Society. All donors to the School are recognised through a specially commissioned lapel badge, as well as invitations to attend



exclusive School events such as the annual Clocktower Society Dinner.

DOYRMS would like to take this opportunity to express its thanks to each and every member of the Clocktower Society. Without your support, the work detailed in this report would not have been possible.

Alex Foreman Principal

DUKIES GIVE BACK IN GREATER NUMBERS

More Dukies are giving back financially and in volunteering time.



Funds received by The Dukies' Foundation (TDF), the School's registered charity, are applied to 'help the Dukies of today' with bursary awards, leadership

activities, sporting and cultural development and heritage. In the current decade, TDF grants have topped £810,000 and make a real difference to the Dukie experience.

So far, £336,255 has been donated by Dukies. TDF has historic assets over and above, its total funds currently stands at £390,791.

Clocktower Society members include
Dukies pledging legacies, nine to date,
with all remembered in perpetuity
including the late Art Cockerill, Nigel
Wylde and Peter Goble. More than four

out of ten give by standing orders averaging £30 a month. Clocktower holds an annual dinner with the Principal, last year's event assisted by Dave Richmond.

This year, four more student bursary awards were given. Leadership activities continue to develop at home and abroad, main donor Peter Vincent. The White Rose Academy, Paul Harrington's hockey initiative, has improved results and aided personal development. The foundation also holds funds raised by Peter Godwin from Dukies for the Dukie Memorial in the National Arboretum. Other Dukie-funded projects in the last year include: renovation of the 1920s War Memorial, WW1 memorial sculptures and student science trips, one as far as the CERN, Geneva, home of the Large Hadron Collider where current Dukies met donor old boy Don Birch.

Non-Dukie TDF funds have also purchased, inter alia, digital cameras,

audio / visual equipment for the Nye Hall, and funded a WW1 memorial concert bringing in young London conservatoire musicians alongside students, led by sponsoring Dukie Allan Mayo's son Oliver; all additional to School budgets.

Staff and students also fundraise, the Friends of the DOYRMS raise good money. In August, son Felix and dad Simon Daglish, Dukies both, rowed the Irish Sea, an epic achievement and fundraiser. And Dukies give back in other ways, in time, careers advice, sports training and cultural activity. Further research into Dukies recognised by awards for gallantry, Geoff Ralph leading the effort, has justified a new board funded by TDF.

Giving back to help the Dukies of today – of interest to you? Contact alumni@doyrms.com

Chris Crowcroft
Chairman The Dukies' Foundation,
Clocktower member,
Haig and Clive 1963 - 70

STUDENT SUPPORT

Since 2014, the student support fund has grown to £89,000, which has allowed a running total of 11 awarded bursaries.

2018 / 19 marked the first year of four students supported by The Dukies' Foundation (TDF).

With Continuity of Education Allowance for serving families becoming more challenging, a need to support families in financial difficulties continues to grow. This fund generated by TDF is focussed on retaining students who have a

valuable impact on the School, through their commitment, leadership and role model behaviour.

The support of 50% bursaries allowed three Sixth Formers and one Year 11 to continue their education at DOYRMS during crucial academic years. The aim for next year will be to award a further two bursaries, and with the continued support from our

monthly Clocktower donors, we are able to predict a regular income to support students in critical financial difficulties.

We thank all those who contribute to our student support fund, the generosity of these donations allow our students to continue as a Dukie and enjoy the opportunities you and the School provides.

SPORT - WRA HOCKEY

Last year saw the formation of the White Rose Hockey Academy. The aim of the academy is to enhance the profile of hockey at DOYRMS, improve the students' enjoyment of the sport, level of skill, success on the pitch and promote a lifelong involvement with the game.

This has made a huge impact on hockey at the School. A great deal was achieved in the first year of:

- Additional weekly training for 80 students
- Masterclasses run by Grace Balsdon and Kwan Browne
- Boys and girls trip to watch a premier league match
- Review of WRA Hockey systems by Alice Lane

- TDA match vs 1st XI boys, which the 1st XI won.
- Personalised hoodies for all WRA members
- 12 students involved in the local development centre

The impact of the WRA has seen the popularity of hockey increase dramatically in the School and is starting to have an impact on results. The girls have had a great start to the

season, with the U13 A & B teams beating St Lawrence, the U14A team winning their first two fixtures and the 1st XI having their best performance in the county cup in decades.

The WRA is now starting the organisation of a Year 8 - 10 Holland hockey tour for October 2020.

Daniel Quinn Director of Sport



LEADERSHIP

The School promotes leadership throughout the curriculum, and TDF has enhanced opportunities for students to build on their abilities and confidence.

This year, TDF funded two staff members to supervise students on the India expedition. Dukies travelled more than 5,000 miles by air and 400 miles by train, boat, minibus and trekking.

The students led every aspect of the three-week expedition: what and

where they ate, how they got to their next location, how much money to spend each day, daily welfare checks, passport checks, head counts and hygiene checks on each other and the programmes have been supported by locations where they ate. Dukies had to carry all their kit in their large holdalls and commute with

these – no easy task when it's nearly

40 degrees and 100% humidity.

All of our Adventure Training and Duke of Edinburgh's Award you, our Clocktower members who donate towards the leadership fund. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you.









THE DOYRMS GREATEST NEED

The DOYRMS Greatest Need fund is for projects that arise throughout the academic year which require support from our valued donors. The money from this fund can also be used to aid the other TDF funding pools if required.



Show-stopping costumes for show-stopping acting

Our annual School production is one of the largest musical events, showcasing the students' first-class talent and confidence. The production selected was

'Hairspray' an original Broadway production based on John Waters' 1988 film, the songs include 1960s-style dance music and 'downtown' rhythm and blues.

With all our productions, a lot of time and money has to be invested, and we thank TDF for donating towards our costumes for this performance; the students' amazing acting abilities were supported with professionally-made costumes to immerse themselves into each role.

SLR Digital Cameras for the Art **Department**

With the growing number of students selecting Art and Photography, the Art department equipment was found to be insufficient and mostly unusable. Limitations due to the age of the existing



cameras made shooting costly and the lack of quality fundamentally affecting the students' performance.

With the clear need to improve the School's facilities, TDF supported the Art department and supplied funding for three new DSLR cameras. This assisted 104 students, with a large percentage of those going into Year 10 - 13 preparing for examinations. The students now have the opportunity to experience entry-level to professional digital cameras and enhance their calibre of work.



STEM Enhancement

Year 12 and 13 Physics students toured Geneva, exploring the area and visiting museums. During the trip, part-funded by **Dukie Don Birch** (Kitchener and Wellington, 1961 - 68), another Dukie (1957 - 66) and The Dukies' Foundation. A Level students visited

CERN to view the Large Hadron Collider. Science-in-Action School Trip was organised by a Dukie donor (1957 - 1966) and our head of Science during 2018 / 19 and scheduled for November 2019. This was also funded by other alumni donors with interest in developing STEM education for students.

STEM subjects are widely enjoyed by our students, and with the support from our Science-lead donors, we are able to develop in these areas. If you have a subject you are passionate about, please share this enthusiasm and explore how you can help our students.



Single Gift

If you are a UK tax payer you will be eligible to add Gift Aid to your donation, this will increase the value of your donation by 25p for every £1 donated at no cost to yourself.

Regular Giving

Regular donations are extremely important to the on-going work of the School as they provide a predictable income, and they also enable you to support areas that matter most in an affordable way. You may also be surprised how big the impact of giving regularly can be over time.

Legacies

Gifts left to the School in your Will are highly tax-effective and, in the future,

are likely to provide substantial funds to support longer term objectives. As this would be exempt from inheritance tax, a donation made in your Will can also reduce the tax burden on your estate.

How does it work?

A charitable legacy could be a gift of money or of any other assets. While there are a number of options to consider, there are two main types of charitable legacies; pecuniary and residuary.

Pecuniary legacies specify a sum of money or item of value to be donated, while a residuary legacy allows you to donate a percentage of the net value of your estate or the remaining sum after you have made provision for your family and friends.

What do you need to do?

To leave a legacy to The Duke of York's Royal Military School you simply need to include details of the donation in your Will. This can be done by writing a Will, making an amendment or 'codicil' to an existing Will or setting up a Trust.

Volunteer

Stay connected with your School by giving the gift of time and offering your careers advice to our students. Share your experiences through talks to our students.

If you are planning to donate, leave a gift in your Will or offer careers advice, please contact 01304 245080 or alumni@doyrms.com

