



Supporting
Wycombe Abbey



Welcome from the Headmistress

Built on 125 years experience of educating young women, Wycombe Abbey seeks to prepare girls to be successful leaders of themselves and others, through an exceptional school experience. The School's values of mutual respect, encouragement and trust underpin everything we do.

Wycombe Abbey is exceptional: it operates as a modern full boarding school for 640 girls and we are committed to the development of each and every one. Not only is the School a distinctive place for girls to learn and grow in themselves, it is also a living, interconnected community. Through the bond of shared exciting experiences in a homely and nurturing environment, the girls soon begin to make friends for life.

Much of my career has been spent in schools founded by remarkable, forward-thinking women. I am passionate about girls' education and the important role which girls' schools play in enabling young women to reach their full potential.

Superb academic outcomes are the hallmark of a Wycombe Abbey education while curiosity, innovation and academic risk-taking are encouraged in an environment where every pupil has the opportunity to develop her passions. The School's values of mutual respect, encouragement and trust underpin everything we do.

It is my privilege to be the Headmistress of this School and I hope that girls who are educated at Wycombe Abbey, including my own daughter, will leave school as confident, articulate, independent young women who are able to navigate a competitive, global, technology-driven world successfully but who also have the qualities to make a positive difference through the lives they live.

We offer every girl a relevant and rounded experience within a flexible system which provides a plethora of different options and activities. The happiness and fulfilment of all our pupils is of the utmost importance to us.

On behalf of Wycombe Abbey, thank you for your interest in giving and generous support. I look forward to meeting you in person, and to share our common interests in providing young women with exceptional educational opportunities.

Jo Duncan MA (St Andrews), PGCE (Cantab)
Headmistress



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The School is not supported by a large endowment and consequently, our ambitious plans for academic, recreational and pastoral advancement can only be achieved with the financial support of our community of Seniors, parents and friends.

The continued support of our valued donors will ensure that future generations of Wycombe Abbey girls also experience a world class and ever-improving School. Any institutional success requires strong foundations. Our vision is predicated upon the need to maintain and enhance the very substantial infrastructure the School has developed throughout its history.

Philanthropy has paid a continued role in the development of School throughout the last 125 years. Benefaction helps to secure the long-term vision of the School.

The school's current strategic priorities are raising the level of support for means-tested support through the Wycombe Abbey Bursary Fund, in a transformational site development plan across our magnificent conservation listed grounds. Over the next decade, we are investing in new, world-class facilities that will transform our 170 acres of magnificent grounds for the benefit of every pupil at Wycombe Abbey.

The Wycombe Abbey Bursary Fund

Happy people are successful people and it is our aim that Wycombe Abbey provides a physical, social and cultural environment responsive to the dynamic times in which our pupils live. Our aim is to provide a world-class education for all our pupils, not only academically, but also in the development of skills of communication, creativity, emotional intelligence, teamwork and leadership, which are so important in twenty-first century life.

Every girl is empowered to make the most of her own personal abilities, no matter her family's financial circumstances, in preparation for the exciting opportunities that her future holds. The Wycombe Abbey Bursary Fund allows us to offer talented young women who would benefit from an education at Wycombe the opportunity to thrive at the school

The total value of bursaries this year at Wycombe Abbey was £979,000. School saw an increase of 64% in bursary applications between 2019 and 2020. This sharp increase reinforces the need for Bursary support at Wycombe Abbey. We anticipate that, as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, we will see a further call on bursarial and hardship support. We would like to be in a position to be able to respond to these calls.



Capital Development

Over the next decade, we are committed to investing in a transformational site development plan across our 170 acres of magnificent conservation listed grounds.

Through this plan, we will provide world class, contemporary facilities for the immediate and direct benefit of every pupil at Wycombe Abbey.

Fit for purpose, contemporary and built to last, these new facilities will ensure that Wycombe Abbey experience will be preserved for future generations to come.

We successfully opened the new Pitt and Rubens boarding houses in 2017. Without the generosity of our donors, this new home for the girls would not have been possible.

The 1896 Society

The support of leadership donors, who invest in Wycombe Abbey's future and who inspire others to give, is critical to the success of the school. We are delighted to invite our most loyal and generous supporters to join the 1896 Society. Members of this group are invited to events and meetings at the invitation of the Headmistress and Chair of Council.

All Members receive:

- Permanent recognition on an honour board in the main Abbey*
- Invitations to exclusive 1896 Society events including an annual 1896 Society dinner
- VIP invitations to other key School events
- Personal briefings on development and educational issues from the Headmistress

All donors who make commitments of £100,000 or more will be invited to join the 1896 Society. Gifts can either be made as a single donation, or staggered over a number of years. A number of giving and naming opportunities are also currently available to donors in the 1896 Society.

To find out more, or to discuss another aspect of giving such as tax-efficiency, please contact Clare Flynn-Scarcelli, Director of Development and External Relations at flynnscarcellic@wycombeabbey.com.

* Wycombe Abbey will respect the wishes of any donor who would prefer to remain anonymous.



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How to Support Us

One-time donation

Thank you for considering your support to School. A one-time donation can be made via bank transfer, credit/debit card or cheque. Please download a Gift Form [here](#) or contact development@wycombeabbey.com.

Regular gift by Direct Debit or Standing Order

An ongoing contribution through regular instalments will help us to achieve our vision now and for years to come and allows you the convenience of giving over time.

A gift in your will

Our benefactors help to secure the long-term vision of the School. By remembering Wycombe Abbey in your will, either with a lump sum or all/part of your estate, you have the capability to support School's ambitious plans as they evolve over time. All those who pledge to support Wycombe Abbey in their will are invited to become members of the Dove-Bowerman Society.

To discuss your gift to Wycombe Abbey, please do not hesitate to contact Clare Flynn-Scarcelli, Director of Development and External Relations, at:

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