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An education at Stockport Grammar School can make an enormous difference to a child's life and future prospects.

Over five centuries ago Sir Edmond Shaa had high hopes for the young people of his home town. As Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company of the City of London, he founded a Grammar School to nurture intellect, foster character and provide opportunity for the children of Stockport.

Whilst his original bequest may be long gone, the continuing generosity of many of the school's former pupils, parents and supporters means that we are able to perpetuate his vision by providing a number of means-tested bursary places each year.

As I am sure you are aware, today's pupils of Stockport Grammar School not only attain the highest academic standards but benefit from a wealth of opportunities to develop the personal qualities necessary to flourish in their adult lives.

Now more than ever, local families depend on assistance from our bursary fund if they are to offer their sons and daughters the very best in education.

Sadly we can help only a small proportion of those who apply for support and, consequently, the potential of many local children in Edmond Shaa's home town has still to be fully developed.

Your support could help us to provide the great gift of a high quality education to talented girls and boys from all sections of the community. Your donation can make a life-changing difference to a child and contributes to a brighter future for us all. Please help if you can.



Andrew Chicken
Headmaster





All encompassing, fantastic opportunities and experiences beyond anything I could have given him. The school ethos was one of individualisation, growth of character, independence, camaraderie and leadership.

It was a wonderful gift, so gratefully accepted and hugely appreciated by both of us. So thank you to those who give to the Bursary scheme because without it, my son would not have achieved as much as he has done already or will do in the future.

Mrs E Arrowsmith



If the Bursary Scheme was not in place, I would simply not have had the opportunity to attend SGS. I would have missed out on numerous experiences; a field trip to Anglesey, an incredible Alpine mountaineering expedition, playing hockey for the senior team, captaining the swimming team, playing the flute in school bands and taking part in so many other extra curricular activities. The high quality teaching also enabled me to fulfil my potential and gain a place at Birmingham Medical School.

Emily Dove
(OS 2010)



If you donate, you are contributing to the future of the Bursary Scheme; opening up a world of opportunity for able children to fulfil their potential.

The Bursary Scheme

Until 1997, the government offered assistance to independent schools under either the Assisted Places Scheme or Direct Grant Scholarships. This meant that children who met the entrance criteria but whose families were not able to afford the fees could still attend Stockport Grammar School.

Since 1997 and the withdrawal of these schemes, the school has become entirely responsible for continuing to offer financial assistance to families. The Bursary Scheme provides means-tested assistance to able children, with places made available at 11-plus and for the Sixth Form. Without government support, the school is under much greater pressure to provide funds to help the many children for whom a bursary place will offer the only opportunity to attend Stockport Grammar School – and this is where you can help.

Where else your donations can help

Significant improvements to the library, the installation of the climbing wall and the purchase of equipment have all been assisted by the generosity of donors to the school. As a leading independent school, we have a commitment to our pupils to continue to maintain and develop the facilities on offer to them. With your help, through the General Appeal Fund, we can provide projects that will enhance their learning and co-curricular experiences.

Studying at SGS gave me invaluable opportunities, such as a wealth of extra-curricular activities. In particular debating enhanced my confidence and developed my ability to articulate a cogent and coherent argument – an important skill in the seminar environment of university.

The education I received, both in the classroom and outside, in the form of socialisation with my peers, was highly rewarding and informative. I am extremely grateful for the assistance I received.

Jacob Miller
(OS 2013)



My daughter was academically stretched and this resulted in 10 A* at GCSE level and 4 at A Level. She left school to go to her first choice of college at Oxford. When I visit her and ask how she is, her reply is always “living the dream dad”. That this dream became reality was due in a large part to her years at SGS.

I will always be grateful to the Bursary Fund for the help freely given, which has given my daughter such a great start in life.

Mr R Fowden-Hulme

How you can help

Whatever you choose to give, and whenever you wish to give it, your donation will always be gratefully received. You can support **The Bursary Fund** or **The General Appeal Fund** with your donation and we are happy to assist with any questions you may have.

Current donors and legators are invited to attend The Shaa Society Lunch which is held annually in the Hallam Hall as a celebration of the life of the school and the generosity of our supporters.

Regular donations

Giving regularly through a standing order on a monthly or annual basis is a simple and valuable way of making your donation and can help make smaller amounts add to a significant gift over time.

Single donations

We always welcome single donations, large or small, which can be added to our funds to support bursaries or the general appeal. Perhaps you might end the month with a healthier bank balance than usual and decide to give the school a gift or you may choose to mark a milestone in your life by asking friends and family to donate to SGS rather than buying a gift.

Gift Aid

If you make single or regular donations, you can help the school further by Gift Aiding your donation, which allows the school to claim 25% tax from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for every £1 donated by a UK

taxpayer. Furthermore, tax payers who pay tax at the higher (40%) or additional (50%) rates can claim additional relief.

Leaving a Legacy – Joining The Shaa Society

You may wish to consider leaving a legacy that will continue to support the school for many years to come. Legators are invited to become members of The Shaa Society and to attend the annual Shaa Lunch. Donating in this way will also reduce the taxable value of your assets, hence lowering the inheritance tax on your estate.

Shares and other assets

A gift of shares, securities, land or buildings can be a hugely tax-effective way of benefiting the school, as the donor is given income tax relief for the full current market value of the shares or securities, and there is very favourable capital gains tax treatment too.

Corporate giving

You can make a donation through your company, which will be eligible for tax relief in the period in which the payment is made.

Fundraising Events

We hold an annual Golf Day in order to raise funds for the Bursary Scheme. For more information on how you can get involved, contact External Relations on 0161 419 2408.

Where your money will go

If you donate to **The Bursary Fund**, your contribution will be added to the money invested annually by the school, to provide the income to support Bursaries.

If you donate to **The General Appeal Fund**, the money is invested and will be spent where the school needs it most.

If you would like your donation to be used in a different way please let us know.