

Increasing the Value of your Gift

Gift Aid and Tax Efficient Giving

If you are a standard rate taxpayer and are able to sign a Gift Aid declaration, the school can claim Gift Aid on your donation at 20%. If you are a higher or highest rate tax payer, as well as the school reclaiming 20%, in your tax return you may reclaim the additional 20% or 25% tax that you have paid, making your gift 100% tax efficient.

Here is a breakdown of the costs of making a £100 gift to the school:

	Amount Donated	Gross Amount MTS receives after Gift Aid	Tax Relief through Donor's Tax Return	Effective Cost to Donor
20% tax payer	£80	£100	-	£80
40% tax payer	£80	£100	£20	£60
45% tax payer	£80	£100	£25	£55

Matched Giving

Many companies operate a scheme in which they will match the philanthropic gifts made by their employees and we encourage you to investigate this. For a list of companies we are aware of that match charitable giving, please visit <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/file/company-matched-giving.pdf>.



Triennial Service filmed in Ultra HD with Studio 72 equipment funded by the MTF

“The value of a bursary is priceless. I will forever relish my memories of Merchant Taylors’ and the truly unique opportunities that were afforded to me simply by virtue of being a student at the School. There is no doubt that my seven years at MTS have moulded me into the person that I am today. A bursary, then, does not just grant someone the great privilege of walking down the Long Drive; but helps to open many doors long after leaving the School. A bursary is much more than a sum of money: it is an opportunity – and it is an opportunity that I will be forever grateful for.”

Bursary Recipient from Class of 2010

“In my last year of Primary School, I learnt about Merchant Taylors’ and immediately knew that it was the school I wanted to attend. Unfortunately, my mother was not able to afford the fees. Thankfully, I got into the school and received a 100% bursary throughout my seven years at the school. This enabled me to have a fantastic experience at MTS, and I developed from a student who had attended a state primary school, to a student that achieved 3 A*s at A-Level”

Bursary Recipient from Class of 2016

“I am unbelievably lucky to have attended this amazing school on a 100% bursary. The bursary has unlocked countless opportunities, opened doors I could never have dreamt of opening, and developed me into the person I am today. This is all thanks to the people who donated to the school’s bursary fund; I am so grateful”

Bursary Recipient from Class of 2018

“I am delighted to be helping the School provide opportunities for those who would otherwise be denied such an education and would urge everyone to join and do what they can to support this fine cause.”

David Fraser, Merchant Taylors’ School, 1953 – 1957

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MERCHANT TAYLORS’
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Welcome to the Merchant Taylors' Fund



A message from the Head Master

Merchant Taylors' School is characterised by the warm and open community we enjoy. We are blessed by a strong sense of fellowship amongst Old Merchant Taylors and an exceptional strength of support amongst our parents. The school is steeped in a courtesy and generosity of spirit, not to mention a wide variety of talents, all of which are exemplified by the outstanding young men who attend our school.

This spirit of generosity extends to a network of friends who support the school through philanthropy. Whether it has been through major gifts to buildings and bursaries, OMTs remembering the school in their wills, or through participation in the Merchant Taylors' Fund through regular giving, your support has achieved so much.

The Merchant Taylors' Fund was founded in 2008 to provide an opportunity for regular giving and support for the school in order to support projects around the campus which make an immediate impact on the lives of pupils and staff. It has been wonderfully successful so far, with the Merchant Taylors' community giving over £800,000.

Supporters can choose which fund their gift will support, from Bursaries, Sport, the Arts, or the Head Master's Discretionary Fund. Over the years, the majority of support has been directed to bursaries. This demonstrates a commitment from the school and its supporters to remain true to the wishes of its founders: striving to be accessible to those from all sectors of society, removing financial barriers to entry for deserving boys.

An exciting new initiative has been launched in order to empower our boys and give them a say in what your philanthropic funding should

support. Each year, pupils can now bid for funding from the Head Master's Discretionary Fund for equipment or initiatives that their clubs and societies wish to undertake. As well as writing and submitting the bids themselves, boys sit on the disbursement committee with staff, parents and OMTs, so they can determine which projects they feel will have the biggest impact on the largest number of boys, and therefore which they deem most worthy of support. Through this scheme we have funded some really interesting and exciting projects. Please do visit our website to see the sorts of things that have been achieved with your support.

As part of the Merchant Taylors' Fund appeals, we run telephone campaigns every few years. They have been extremely successful, with the first three raising around £300,000. As well as the huge number of people who felt able to support, many others who felt they were not able to help at the time, spoke of what a positive experience they had enjoyed on the phone to our team of 13 recent leavers of the School. We hope all future campaigns will have such a positive outcome.

As part of the MTS community I would like to thank all those who have supported in the past and would encourage others to give it serious consideration – any gift, regardless of magnitude, can make a real difference to the lives of current and future Merchant Taylors' pupils.

Simon Everson
Head Master

What is the Merchant Taylors' Fund?

The Merchant Taylors' Fund is the school's regular giving programme, commonly called the annual fund. It provides additional non-fee income for projects of immediate need around the school. It has been running successfully since 2008 and has made a significant contribution to a number of projects at the school as well as making a big impact on the number of bursary awards we are able to make each year. By supporting the Fund you are making a very real difference to the lives of current and future pupils of Merchant Taylors' School. For more information about projects, methods of supporting, telephone campaigns, tax effective giving, or to make a donation online, please visit <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/MT-fund-areas>.

How your gift will be used Merchant Taylors' Fund support is used for projects that will have an immediate impact on the school community. At the end of the Fund year, projects will be chosen for each area that will have the greatest impact on the largest number of pupils. The highest priority for fundraising is for the provision of bursaries, but you may wish to direct your gift to other areas outlined here.

How you can help All gifts for the benefit of Merchant Taylors' School should be made to the Merchant Taylors' School Charitable Fund. There are a number of ways you can support and all options are available on our donation form. Online giving is possible, as well as a donation form for download, at <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/MT-fund>.

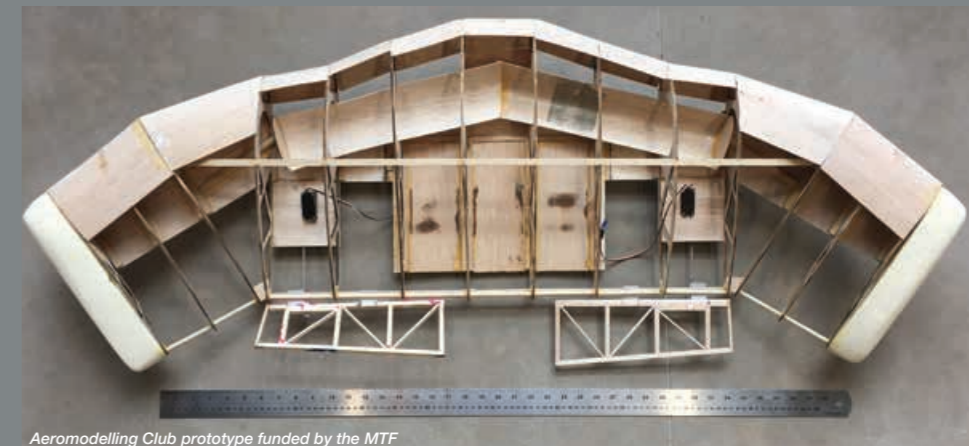
Regular Gifts Regular giving is particularly beneficial to the school as it enables us to plan ahead and to use gifts most effectively. The easiest and most efficient way to give regularly is by Direct Debit.

Single Gifts Single gifts can be made by credit or debit card, cheque or CAF. Please fill in our donation form or make an online donation. Cheques should be made payable to the Merchant Taylors' School Charitable Fund.

Other ways to give If you are interested in other methods of supporting Merchant Taylors' School – leaving a legacy, share giving, property giving, or supporting a capital project – please contact the Development Director, Nick Latham (01923 845589 / nlatham@mtsn.org.uk)



History journal funded by the MTF



Aeromodelling Club prototype funded by the MTF



Kayak and canoe fleet refurbished with funding from the MTF



Mountain bikes purchased through the MTF

Fund Areas

There are four fund options available through the Merchant Taylors' Fund. For more information about each, please visit <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/MT-funds>.

Bursaries Our main fundraising goal is to recommit to the school's founding goal of funding 150 boys with serious financial need. We aim to achieve the dual aims of excellence and accessibility and believe that no pupil should be dissuaded from attending Merchant Taylors' School on financial grounds. Bursaries are rigorously means-tested and are awarded to pupils who otherwise would not be able to attend the school.

Sport You may wish to direct your support to Merchant Taylors' School sport. In the last few years, with your support, we have funded a number of equipment projects.

The Arts Support for the arts at Merchant Taylors' in the last few years has funded drama and music equipment projects.

Head Master's Discretion You may not have a preference for a particular fund. Unrestricted gifts are very important as they provide the school with the flexibility to use the philanthropic support we receive wherever the need is greatest. As the Head Master explains in his introduction, he and the pupils will decide which projects are of the highest priority to support each year. This ensures your gift provides the maximum benefit to the Merchant Taylors' School community.