



# Donor Report

The impact of your support



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# Making a difference

The report covers the impact of your support in 2020.



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“Gaining the Christopher Martin-Jenkins Bursary provided so many enriching opportunities that previously I could only dream of.”

**Nadia Hassan (CO 2016-18)**  
Undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford

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I was honoured to become the new Chair of the Marlborough College Foundation last year. As a former parent here and a Professor at the University of Oxford, I am well aware of the important difference that philanthropy can make to education. As you may know, the Foundation was set up in 1956 for the “welfare, benefit and advancement of Marlborough College” and these remain our charitable objects today.

On behalf of all the trustees, and everyone connected with the College, I would like to thank you for your support over the last 12 months, which builds on this long history of philanthropy. Together you donated over £4m for Marlborough College in 2020 with the vast majority of these funds being directed towards the College’s bursary programme.

This past year has placed an enormous strain on the country and aside from the health concerns, the worry about our children’s education has played a huge part. It is, therefore, wonderful to see so many of you supporting the provision of quality education.

The trustees and I are fully supportive of the College’s ambitious plans to increase the number of full bursaries available to young people who cannot afford the fees. As a result of your generosity, and the support of the College, there are now 15 pupils on a full bursary who would not otherwise be able to attend Marlborough and we hope to grow this number dramatically in the years ahead.

Over 500 donors kindly made a gift last year and we are grateful to every single one, all of whom are listed at the back of this report. Without you, and the donors before you, the grants we make in support of the College would not be possible. Thank you.

**Professor Sir John Bell**  
Chairman of the Foundation

## Chairman of the Foundation’s Introduction Thank you

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If you would like to find out more about how you can help us achieve our Bursary ambitions and widen access to Marlborough, please contact us.

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# The power of bursaries

“I can say with certainty that going to Marlborough is one of the most enriching and formative experiences of my life so far” So said Theo, one of the recipients of a bursary at Marlborough College who left in 2016 and is studying Mechanical Engineering at UCL.

Bursaries obviously make an enormous difference to the recipients and their families. According to the Royal SpringBoard Foundation, a charity which places hundreds of bursary pupils in boarding schools, 92% of the beneficiaries stated, like Theo, that the bursary had changed their life for the better. As well as benefitting individual

recipients, bursaries can also play an important role in increasing the diversity of the whole pupil community. Given the events of 2020, this is arguably more important now than ever before. The College strongly believes that a more diverse community, which is more representative of the society that pupils will go on to live and work in, can better prepare all pupils for life after Marlborough.

The power of bursaries to transform individual lives and the College community as a whole are the main drivers for Marlborough’s ambitious plans to significantly increase the number of bursaries in the years ahead. It has been truly heartening in my first year here to talk with and work with many generous donors who share this ambition and the values that underpin it. As a result of your generosity over £3m was raised for bursaries in 2020 – the highest amount ever achieved for this cause in a single

year at Marlborough. This bodes well for our plans to fund more bursaries, which will help to transform more lives like Theo’s, whilst also transforming the whole school community. Thank you for your continuing support for this important cause.

**Simon Lerwill**  
Foundation Director



“The opportunity to study at Marlborough was, for me, the chance of a lifetime. It was thanks to the generosity of the Fred Packard Memorial Award that I was able to realise my ambition.”

**Theo Featherstone** (C1 2011-16)

## Bursaries in 2020/21



Amount raised for bursaries in 2020

**£3,304,000**



Number of full (100%+) bursary places in 2020/21

**15**



Number of partial bursaries in 2020/21

**81**

“Receiving a bursary to Marlborough was the most exciting and rewarding experience of my life. Academically it was fantastic! All my teachers were incredible and inspired me to do better. I genuinely loved going to each lesson.

I’ve always tried to do as much as possible outside of school as well, but at Marlborough I was more productive than ever. Studying in a boarding school is a wonderful experience because everything – one’s lessons, extracurricular activities, friends – is a few minutes away.

This allowed me to manage my time a lot better. I was therefore quite busy and I would have never thought it possible, but I was also given a chance to spend half a term at a prestigious German college!

The music department played an especially important part in my life. After a short period of homesickness and adjustment to the new environment, which was essentially achieved through playing the piano, I was given amazing opportunities. I took part in a competition, in concerts and recitals, got a performance diploma and was made a music scholar. The happiest day of my life was when I played Grieg’s piano concerto with the school’s symphony orchestra and the Southbank Sinfonia. None of these things would have happened had I stayed at home.

I also met some of my best friends there!

I often think about Marlborough and I can’t help but miss it. I was given more than I could have ever asked for and I am infinitely grateful!”

**Zhivka Ivanova** (TU 2011-13)

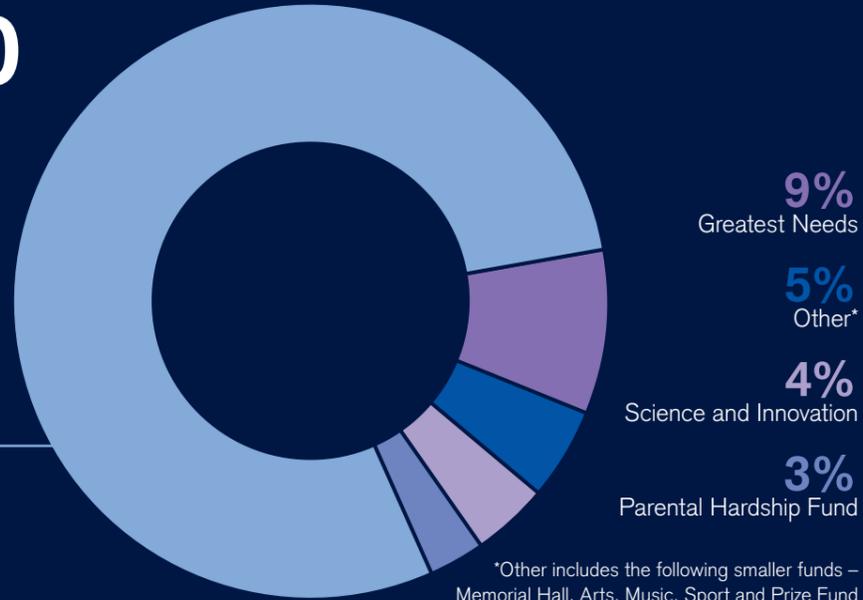


# 2020 Fundraising Review

Total raised  
**£4,017,000**

Raised per fund

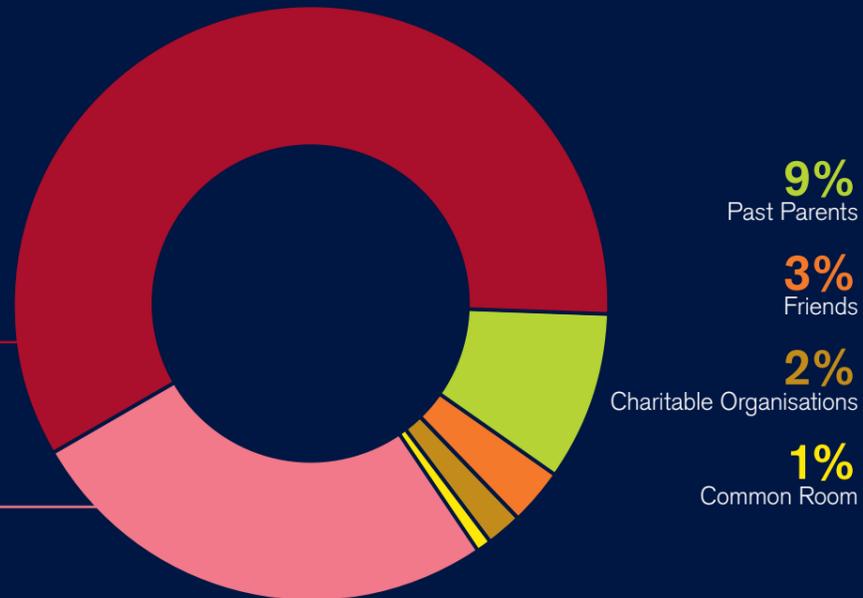
**79%**  
bursaries



Our donors

**59%**  
current parents

**26%**  
OMs



## Legacies

Our Legacy association, the 1843 Society, currently has **107** members who have pledged to support a total of **£6,154,000** as part of their legacy.



# Leave your legacy

Have you considered making a bequest to Marlborough? Supporting the College with a gift in your Will can play a significant role in shaping the future of the school.

Legacy gifts to our Bursary Endowment Fund will enable this protected fund to grow. Income from the invested funds will provide a constant stream of bursaries in perpetuity. Therefore, your action can change the lives of future generations of Marlborough pupils.

Gifts of all sizes are very welcome and there are tax advantages for giving to charity this way. We recognise those who support us with membership of the 1843 Society, which meets to attend a number of special events throughout the year, hosted by the Master.

**For more information, contact Jan Perrins on 01672 892439.**



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