

## TBSHS

### Chairman of Trustees Report to Parents Autumn 2019

#### The Mitre Fund

On behalf of the Trustees, I am pleased to report to parents on the Mitre Fund.

The Mitre Fund is a Trust set up in January 2014. The charity number is 1155759.

#### Trustees

The trustees, who include governor representatives and the Headteacher, are appointed for a two year term and the current trustees are:

Phillip Godfrey (Chairman of Trustees and Vice Chairman of Governors)

Dale Reeve (Headteacher)

Jason Haigh (Governor)

Debbie Hepworth (Governor)

John Pearson Phillips (Assistant Headteacher)

The terms of office of Phillip Godfrey and Dale Reeve were extended in December 2017 by a further period of two years. The terms of office of Jason Haigh and Debbie Hepworth were extended in June 2018 by a further period of two years. Paul Noble resigned as a trustee on his retirement as Deputy Head of the school in April 2019 and John Pearson Phillips was appointed as his successor.

#### Principal Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the charity is to “advance the education and enrichment of students at the Bishops Stortford High School by providing and assisting in the facilities for education and enrichment at the school”.

Fundraising activity has continued throughout the year and the Trust’s main aim continues to be to raise sufficient funds to distribute to the school for worthwhile projects

The Trustees are grateful to parents who have contributed to the Fund. These contributions are invaluable in assisting with the provision of facilities for the school in the pursuit of excellence and enhancing our students’ educational and extra curricular experience. The Fund makes purchases, which the school would not otherwise be able to make from its allocated budget. Proposals from the school are subject to approval by the Trustees and the Trustees evaluate the impact of purchases made.

#### Projects and purchases approved by the Trustees during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 included:

Date approved	Project / item	Expenditure
July 2017	Music Technology: Software, licences and computer equipment	£6693 (50% of total cost)
	Electronic keyboard	£1600
	Trinocular telescope	£940

	Stage lighting for drama productions	£960
	Computing – 3D printer filament	£167
	Fitness equipment for strength and conditioning	£1332
September / October 2017	Camera	£454
	Sixth Form benching	£3000
	Pottery glazing mixer	£408
January 2018	Samba drum kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporated into Key Stage 3 study programme to encourage students of all musical abilities to participate.</li> </ul>	£1056
	Piano cover Preserves the quality of the grand piano for assemblies, music exams, concerts and events.	£225
	Visualisers (Maths) Enables staff to model practical Mathematics, live in front of students.	£518
	Sixth form laptop computers Significantly increased access to computers by Sixth Form students during their study periods.	£7904
	Science: Software - for control of chemicals TV - in Science corridor to highlight exam times, revision materials and physics equations Visualisers – used in almost every Science lesson	£2049
	Table tennis tables Has enabled offering table tennis before school in 2 locations. Success by students in competitions.	£1824
<b>Total</b>		<b>£30,268</b>

### School Counsellor

Additionally, the Trustees initially agreed in July 2017 to fund the cost of employing a part time school counsellor for the academic year 2017 – 2018. The school has found her work invaluable in supporting students' mental health well-being and the Trustees subsequently agreed to extend the funding for the school counsellor until the end of the academic year 2019 – 2020. (annual cost £7500)

### Current financial year progress to date

In addition to extending the funding for the school counsellor, other projects and purchases approved by the Trustees have included the following:

Date approved	Project / item	Expenditure
February 2019	Chairs for the whole school (transferable to the new school)	£2070
	20 Microscopes	£1647
	Reading scheme for Year 7 students	£250
	DT books for library (new specifications) and book trolley	£328
	Replicator and 3D printer	£2199
	15 Tablets and computer desking	£1890
	One year subscription to Mathspad for whole school	£120
	Electronic chess clocks	£234
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8738</b>

Further projects are under consideration and the trustees are keen to encourage school staff to come forward with further proposals. The Mitre Fund Trustees will continue keep parents advised of purchases made.

In January 2018 an evening event was held to explain to parents the work of the Mitre and the reasons why it is needed in the current budgetary climate for schools. A simple brochure is available to parents explaining how a financial contribution may be made. The brochure also details how parents can provide voluntary support to the school in other than financial ways and the areas where assistance is needed.

A copy of the Mitre Fund financial accounts is available on request from the school.

If any parents would like further information about the Mitre Fund please contact John Pearson Phillips at the school.

Phillip Godfrey  
Chairman of Trustees

September 2019