



William Brookes School

FUNDING FOR ENRICHMENT -
EXCLUSIVE TO WBS STUDENTS



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Did you know...?

At William Brookes School, we passionately believe in giving all our students access to the broadest possible educational opportunities. We aim to equip them with the confidence and tools to achieve in school and beyond.

Rated Good by Ofsted, we aspire to excellence in exam results, sport and the Performing Arts, but did you know that we also offer exclusive funding routes to support our students with enrichment projects beyond the classroom?

If you can dream up the idea, we could have a WBS funding pot to sponsor it.

Thousands of WBS students have benefitted from these unique funding streams over the years. It's easy to apply and here's why it's worth your while:

- It will look very impressive on your CV or Personal Statement
- It will let you develop your interests beyond school
- It will leave memories that will last a lifetime
- It will ease the pressure on The Bank of Mum and Dad!

Take a look through this brochure, give it some thought, get advice from staff/parents/carers and then just APPLY!

Geoff Renwick
Head

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The JL Edwards Memorial Trust



WHAT'S THE TRUST ABOUT?

Jack Edwards was Head of William Brookes School from 1950-1968 and the man behind our school motto of 'Courtesy, Enterprise and Endeavour'. In his memory, local organisations - including the Old Students' Football Association, the Wenlock Players, the Youth Club, the Town Councils of Broseley and Much Wenlock, the School Governors and the Rotary Club of Ironbridge - established the JL Edwards Memorial Trust to support WBS students achieve beyond the classroom. Fifty years on, Jack Edwards' legacy is as strong as ever.

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

You can apply for a slice of the total annual fund of £1500. How big a slice depends on what you need to make your project happen. Your project could be part or fully funded by a JL Edwards award.

WHAT WILL THE TRUST SUPPORT?

Don't let what's gone before limit your ambitions - the possibilities are endless! Here's a flavour of the vast range of possibilities: tennis coaching; first aid course; music production software; visit to the Hay Literary Festival; zoo keeper for the day; athletics coaching course; photographic equipment; Girl Guide trip to Mexico; Associate Diploma with the London College of Music; 3-day pre-degree university medical course; cricket coaching course; representing Shropshire at the World Scout Jamboree.

NEW FOR 2018

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the JL Edwards Memorial Trust, two additional golden opportunities have been created for WBS students aged 16 or over to travel abroad to work on a life-changing charity initiative.

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WHO CAN APPLY?

If you are a WBS student and you have a good idea, then you can apply. It's as simple as that! No means testing, no reams of paperwork. We will ask you to present your ideas to the panel, of course, and to come back and tell us how you got on.

HOW TO APPLY

You will find the JL Edwards application form online at www.williambrookes.com together with full details of the scheme. Download the form, work out your costings and the outline of your proposal. If you would like any advice, ask your tutor, Head of House or Mrs Cloud (Head's PA) - they will be more than happy to help. Then fill in the form and submit it in person to Mrs Cloud with a covering letter addressed to The Trustees.

THE KEY DATES

- February:** the deadline for applications.
- March:** your brief presentation to the selection panel about your ideas.
- November:** the Reception evening





The Liz Thomas Memorial Fund



WHAT'S THE FUND ABOUT?

Liz Edwards was a passionate supporter of the Performing Arts, a WBS governor and a key figure in the development of The Edge Arts Centre. Her drive and enthusiasm was behind much of the success of the 2012 celebrations in our Coubertin school. Founded by family, friends and colleagues, the Liz Thomas Memorial Fund aims to widen and enhance students' experience of the Performing Arts.

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

There is an annual fund of £600-800 to fund up to four WBS student projects.

WHAT SORT OF PROJECTS DOES THE FUND SUPPORT?

All manner of ideas around the Arts and Performing Arts are welcome, such as extra tuition, visits to galleries, theatres and lectures, trips to auditions, arts materials and equipment.

WHO CAN APPLY?

If you are a WBS student with an interest in the Arts or the Performing Arts and a good idea, then you can apply. It is that simple. You do not need to be studying these subjects in school, there is no means testing and no mountain of paperwork to complete.

If you're successful, you will also be invited to contribute to the WBS Presentation Evening in September, where you will be presented with your Awards Certificate.

You can receive funding on more than one occasion, as long as there is a gap of at least one year between applications.

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HOW TO APPLY

You will find the Liz Thomas Memorial Fund application form online at www.williambrookes.com together with full details on the scheme. Download the form, work out your costings and the outline of your proposal. If you would like any advice, ask your tutor, Head of House or Mrs Cloud (Head's PA) - they will be more than happy to help. Then fill in the form and submit it in person to Mrs Kerry Cloud.

THE KEY DATES

October Week 1: deadline for applications.

October Week 3: presentations to the selection panel

September: WBS Presentation Evening





WBS School Fund

“ Thanks to the funding I was awarded from both the School Fund and the Friends of WBS, I was able to travel to Guatemala to compete for Team GB in the World Biathlon Championships. It was an amazing experience, and I achieved Silver in my individual race, which helped secure Gold for Team GB. ”

Matthew Griffiths, former student

WHAT'S THE FUND ABOUT?

The WBS School Fund is primarily available for our teaching departments for materials to enhance student learning, but also accepts bids from students.

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

The WBS School Fund is a flexible, discretionary, annual grant pot, which allows for larger funding bids of considerable value.

WHAT SORT OF PROJECTS DOES WBS SCHOOL FUND SUPPORT?

Whilst past successful applications should not limit your imagination, these have included the funding of accommodation and travel costs to allow our sporting stars to compete nationally and internationally.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any WBS student can apply to the WBS School Fund. If you have an interesting project for your personal development and enrichment or an exciting idea for a community or school initiative, they may well be able to support you.

HOW TO APPLY

Your first step is to talk to Mrs Henderson in Student Services. If she thinks your project may be eligible for WBS School Fund support, Mrs Henderson may advise you to write a letter of application to the School Fund outlining your project and the level of funding required.

WHEN TO APPLY

The WBS School Fund panel meets once a term to allocate funds, and has the flexibility to react quickly to urgent deserving requests.

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Friends of William Brookes School



WHAT'S THE FUND ABOUT?

The Friends of WBS is our Parent Teachers' Association and raises money throughout the year to help the school budget stretch that bit further. Bids are primarily invited from WBS staff to fund projects of whole school interest. However, in exceptional circumstances the committee may choose to support applications by students.

HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

The WBS School Fund is a flexible, discretionary grant pot, which allows for larger funding bids of considerable value.

WHAT SORT OF PROJECTS DO FRIENDS OF WBS SUPPORT?

In addition to their spend on teaching resources, they have funded travel costs and accommodation for WBS athletes competing internationally. They would also be interested in funding students to establish new after-school clubs or whole-school initiatives.

WHO CAN APPLY

Any WBS student with an exceptional project can apply to Friends of WBS.

HOW TO APPLY

In the first instance, speak to Miss C Watkins or Mr J Spilsbury, who are both teacher representatives on the Friends of WBS committee. They will be best placed to advise you on available Friends of WBS funding and whether your specific project may be eligible for support.

WHEN TO APPLY

Friends of WBS allocate funds on a termly basis at their Committee Meetings.



Further Enrichment Opportunities

“ Earlier this year I took part in the RYLA residential visit. It was a unique opportunity to improve my leadership and teamwork skills as well as meet new people and make new friends. This opportunity has prepared me for university and my life beyond study by hugely boosting my confidence. ”

Jade, Year 13

ROTARY CLUB OF IRONBRIDGE

Over the years, our strong relationship with the Rotary Club of Ironbridge has given WBS students the chance to participate in various initiatives and competitions including: Youth Speaks, Young Chef, Young Photographer and Young Musician. In addition, WBS students aged 14 and above have the chance to take part in the excellent Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme. Participants are selected for their leadership potential and all fees and expenses are covered.

WHEN & HOW TO APPLY

Look out for notifications in the weekly WBS Newsletter, school bulletin and on Twitter.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

DofE qualifications are highly regarded by universities and employers and are great fun to do. At every level from Bronze to Gold, you take part in an expedition, learn a new skill and volunteer over an extended period.

WHEN & HOW TO APPLY

Look out for notifications about DofE in the weekly WBS Newsletter, school bulletin and on Twitter.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

This is a hugely popular programme for students aged 15-17 involving two five-day residentials - one adventure-activity style and the other in a uni-style environment - and a community project of your choice. The whole experience costs just £50, including food, activities and accommodation with financial assistance available too! Our students could not recommend it highly enough.

WHEN & HOW TO APPLY

Find out more at www.ncsyes.co.uk and apply through WBS.

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AND THERE'S MORE...

The scope for student enrichment at William Brookes School is vast and every student is encouraged to get involved. We run countless after-schools across every area of the curriculum from Art, Sport, STEM and ICT to the Performing Arts. William Brookes School is the only secondary school in Shropshire to have been awarded the Platinum School Games Award by the Department of Culture, Media & Sport.

William Brookes School and Much Wenlock Leisure Centre open in the evenings and at the weekends to external clubs such as Northgate Swimming Club, Ludlow Hockey Club, Wenlock Lightening Netball Club, Wenlock Fencing Club and the Encore Dance Club and the Key Theatre Academy.





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