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WITLEY

# Changing Lives

since 1553



THE BRIDEWELL FOUNDATION REPORT 2019



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# Welcome

## from the Treasurer

### JUSTINE VOISIN



What a tremendous year to look back on, with one of our Old Witleians, Alderman Peter Estlin, former Treasurer and current governor of the School, in post as the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London. It is through Peter Estlin's continued generosity that the School and its whole community enjoyed a year of celebration and unique fundraising in support of the provision of bursaries for disadvantaged children. Within this report you will see news of the Lord Mayor's Show, the Bridewell Banquet and other prestigious events hosted at Mansion House and the Old Bailey. You will also find current case studies of underprivileged young people who have received an education at King Edward's Witley and are now flourishing in their lives beyond school.

On behalf of the School and Foundation, I would like to express our warmest thanks to all our donors, partner charities, City livery companies and the City of London Corporation for your commitment to supporting us in providing an education which gives a foundation for life for children with high level need for a boarding style education. Without you, the crucial work that we are doing would not be possible.

Last year was certainly a memorable one and we are keen to continue to build the momentum that has been generated within our broader network. We are pleased to embrace new members of our King Edward's /Bridewell community and continue to value our loyal supporters. The Foundation truly transforms lives and together, we can give even more young people the chance to fulfil their potential. We look forward to the year ahead and I very much hope you will continue to support such a worthy cause.





# Hitting the Right Note

“Putting music at the cultural heart of King Edward’s” is the mission statement for the Music Department. The provision of musical opportunities for all pupils regardless of means is a mainstay of the School. The Music Department has a team of four full time staff, a Music Administrator and some fifteen specialist instrumental and vocal teachers. Although the Knapton-Cavill legacy for providing instrumental lessons has now run out, we have continued to raise funds for this worthy cause. Generous sponsorship has come from The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers and the Countess of Munster Musical Trust.



In the last academic year there were over a hundred musical events that King Edward’s pupils took part in with over a thousand pieces of music performed by individuals and ensembles. There are many platforms – from formal to more informal concerts – that enable every pupil to benefit in music-making. Events took place at the School, in the City of London and many other venues near and far. Music continues to represent the School at many events in the City including the Spital Sermon, Bridewell Day, and the Guild of Freeman’s Service to name but a few. A first for King Edward’s was a lunchtime recital at St Bride’s, Fleet Street in June and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

# Welcome

## from our New Head

### JOANNA WRIGHT



I am delighted to be the new Head of King Edward's. I feel privileged to be leading this wonderful school in the next steps of its historically rich and visionary educational journey. I look forward to working with excellent colleagues for the good of the pupils in our care.

Our unique heritage and place among British co-educational independent schools means that we can provide the best preparation for adult life to a wider range of young people than almost any other institution. King Edward's creates a foundation for life both here and now and for the future. Our timeless education reaches far beyond the exciting and challenging academic curriculum and the broad range of opportunities in all areas of school life – sporting, artistic, social and cultural. We aim to inspire a love of independent learning, a wealth of lasting friendships, Christian values and hopeful vision. King Edward's is an extraordinary, distinctive, forward-thinking and global minded community. It is a wonderful place to be.

I would like to thank you all for your valued support for the Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation in this last year and in previous years. By giving so generously you enable us to provide life-changing opportunities to disadvantaged young people in need of a boarding style of education at King Edward's Witley. The expertise and support of the staff at King Edward's enable children to make the most of this crucial period of their life. Together we are upholding the School's founding mission of 1553.

This report highlights a very special year for the Foundation with one of our alumni, Peter Estlin, former Head Boy and Treasurer, becoming the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London. The School was delighted to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show and was incredibly grateful to be gifted the amazing opportunity to hold the Bridewell Banquet in the great Egyptian Hall at Mansion House, to raise funds for the Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation. These special occasions, amongst others, were a celebration of King Edward's, the Bridewell Foundation and all that has been achieved. Such memorable events serve to inspire others to join and continue the philanthropy that underpins King Edward's School.

It is an honour to lead the School as it embarks on the next exciting phase of its journey. Together, we hope to ensure that future generations have the opportunity of a King Edward's Witley education within a secure, "home away from home" environment. It is thanks to your generosity that a child who, through no fault of their own, cannot thrive in their own home environment can grow up here and go on to achieve everything in life of which they are capable. Thank you.



# TRANSFORMING

## Lord Mayor of the City of London hosts banquet in aid of Bridewell Royal Hospital

This last year the School was privileged to enjoy some unique occasions hosted by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Peter Estlin, long-standing governor, Treasurer of Bridewell Royal Hospital from 2006 to 2016, a former bursary pupil and Head Boy at King Edward's Witley. As the 691st Lord Mayor of the City of London, Peter Estlin, hosted a 'Bridewell Banquet' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Gloucester GCVO, President of Bridewell Royal Hospital, the charitable parent foundation of King Edward's Witley. The banquet was hosted in the great Egyptian Hall at Mansion House which is the office and home of the Lord Mayor and dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



Peter Estlin is one of King Edward's success stories, who benefitted from the financial, educational and pastoral provision at the School. As Lord Mayor of the City of London, he wanted to give back, opening Mansion House to host a charity evening in aid of Bridewell Royal Hospital: ***"I have had the enormous privilege to serve as a governor at King Edward's Witley for twenty-five years of which ten of those years were as Treasurer & Chair of Governors. As a young boy Bridewell Royal Hospital gave me the opportunity to attend the School when my mother became***

***very ill and was only possible thanks to the generous support of others. This event is a way to help raise the funds to secure that opportunity for future generations."***

Over 200 guests attended the event and included civic dignitaries, livery companies, governors and former governors, Mr John Attwater (King Edward's Headmaster for the last 10 years) and Mrs Joanna Wright (the new incoming Head), staff, alumni, current pupils and parents, who gathered to pay tribute to the School's rich history and compassionate roots.

# LIVES TOGETHER



At the banquet, guests heard Rudo Dube, an Old Witleian (former bursary pupil 2009-2016), now at Newcastle University. Rudo delivered a moving account of how being a part of the King Edward's family had given her the much-needed security and comfort during the hard times of her father's illness. "I would like to thank King Edward's Witley, the Bridewell Foundation and everyone else who helped me, for all the support and encouragement I received throughout my seven years at the School. Without you all I'm not sure I would be in the position I am now, at a wonderful university doing something I'm genuinely passionate about with an exciting future ahead of me."

Jonty Hearnden, celebrated English antiques expert and television presenter, compered a live auction and 'pledge moment', which was followed by a silent auction and raffle prizes being awarded by the Treasurer. These fundraising initiatives, including pledge cards on the tables, contributed to raising over £80,000 for the Foundation.

John Attwater, Headmaster, reflected on the evening's success, "It was wonderful to see such breadth of support for the work of our Foundation to help children whose lives mean they need a secure boarding experience. We are so grateful to Peter Estlin for his generous hospitality and to everybody: our pupil musicians and raffle



organisers, staff, auction donors, guests and of course Her Royal Highness, who made it such a special and memorable evening."

In addition to the Bridewell Banquet highlight we must thank Peter and Lindy Estlin for so generously hosting two dinners in their private apartments at Mansion House in support of the Foundation. The Foundation continues to support disadvantaged children who, through no fault of their own, cannot thrive educationally in their home situation and are best supported in a boarding environment. These special events at Mansion House have contributed another piece of the funding jigsaw as we seek to meet the challenge to finance more deserving children.

The School was also very proud and pleased to participate in the world-famous Lord Mayor's Show at the start of the mayoral year.



# TRANSFORMING

These case studies have been adapted to provide an idea of the vulnerable/disadvantaged pupils that King Edward's has been able to support

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## ADAM C★

Adam lived in Hackney with his mother and older brothers. Adam was the youngest son of five boys, all born within ten years of each other. Their father died when Adam was six. The family first came to King Edward's when Adam applied to join our 1st Form.

A social worker doing a home visit reported; *"this was one of the strongest cases that I have home visited so far – in my view it is imperative that the boys secure a place in boarding to offer respite and a chance to blossom in their own space."* The King Edward's team reviewed the notes and application and were quick to recognise this was a family with a genuine need. After accepting Adam into the 1st Form, we also admitted his elder brother to the 3rd Form in October that same year, and another brother to our Sixth Form a year later.

Adam's mum suffered from a severe and enduring personality disorder, including anxiety, depression and agoraphobia and this significantly affected her ability to care for and support her

sons. During their early childhood the boys had been on the Child in Need register quite a few times; there were several problems within the home environment that impeded their educational and emotional development. The youngest boys often stayed at the homes of friends and relatives when the situation at home got particularly difficult. Before attending King Edward's, the primary schools they attended made sure that the boys had breakfast and provided them with coats and shoes in winter. Whilst at King Edward's, the family was threatened with eviction more than once and on one occasion the boys were able to stay in School over the Exeat

weekend while King Edward's staff worked with social workers and housing officers until the situation was resolved.

The mother's health problems continued, but over the years her contact with the School and her trust in the staff increased, enabling her to attend more school events, most importantly meetings with staff at Parents' Conferences, despite her agoraphobic tendencies. In spite of all the challenges they faced, King Edward's staff found the boys to be friendly, engaging and keen to participate fully in School life. All three boys became Prefects in their final years in the School and have been successful in their studies at university.



# LIVES TOGETHER



## SAMUEL H★

Sam is an only child who lives with his single mother in London. Sam's mother has progressive multiple sclerosis, and while she was managing to cope, she was not able to work. Sam was taking on some degree of caring for himself and his mother, often doing the shopping, cooking and washing. He explained that he didn't mind doing this as he "liked cooking".

Shortly after joining King Edward's, Sam's mother required regular daily visits from professional carers to look after her, much to Sam's relief, enabling him to enjoy boarding activities, spending time being the boy he could be, meeting with friends after school, being able to concentrate on schooling undisturbed by challenging

demands more suited to an adult. Sam's attendance at junior school had not always been good, as his mother wasn't able to get him there early enough every morning but once he was boarding at King Edward's, this was no longer a problem. With 100% attendance, and somewhere quiet to do his homework in the evenings, Sam's academic grades improved.

One of the activities Sam took up at King Edward's was drama – participating in School and House productions, taking drama lessons leading to LAMDA exams and qualifications. Last summer he achieved his Gold Medal in Solo Acting with Merit so has now completed his LAMDA studies. This is a considerable achievement from a boy who didn't want to stand out before.

Several years after joining King Edward's, Sam's mother's health deteriorated further requiring a prolonged stay in hospital for neurosurgery. During this stay, she was diagnosed with another brain condition – on top of the multiple sclerosis – which resulted in dementia-type symptoms. Her cognitive problems increased to the point she required full-time carers to stay with her.

Understandably, this has all caused additional worry for Sam, but the School and House staff have been able to put in place a number of interventions to encourage and support him as much as possible. He is currently preparing to take his A-levels this summer in English Literature, Business Management and Religious Studies. He is an inspiration to all who meet him.

# TRANSFORMING



## A valued Livery Company supporter The Worshipful Company of Carmen

King Edward's is proud to celebrate its continued link with The Worshipful Company of Carmen, one of the largest livery companies of the City of London, with approximately 700 members. Together, we enjoy a long tradition in the City of London and the connection dates back to 1981 when Christopher Leaver, Lord Mayor, invited the Carmen Benevolent Trust to support pupils at King Edward's.

Lt. Colonel Geoffrey Pearce, Secretary of the Carmen Benevolent Trust was appointed Honorary Fellow of the Bridewell Royal Hospital in 1999. He and his wife, Jean, with their love of music, visited King Edward's regularly. Geoffrey Pearce donated a Music Prize and, following his death, this became a Junior and Senior Music Prize for excellence in music. In 2015, a plaque was erected by the Carmen Livery at the Music School at King Edward's to acknowledge the contribution of Geoffrey and Jean Pearce. Following Jean Pearce's death, the School received a very generous bequest of £84,000. In 2003, John Older was appointed officially as Honorary Fellow of the Bridewell Royal Hospital to represent the Carmen Company

and continues to give loyal support to King Edward's.

Currently, the Carmen Company supports three pupils in the School and its Benevolent Trust contributes £9,000 per annum. King Edward's continues to educate deserving children who could not otherwise afford to come to the School and we are proud to be in partnership with the Carmen Livery in educating the next generation.

The Worshipful Company of Carmen continues to reflect the transport industry and serves the City of London as it has done for five centuries. As a progressive and forward-thinking group, charity is a priority for Carmen and the Benevolent Trust is an important focus of activity for the

Company. Knowledge is power and from their beginnings, the Carmen Company has endeavoured to impart knowledge, gather information and promote education. In fact, Carmen has supported apprentices since the 16th century, building on its heritage to promote transport knowledge, generate debate and encourage innovation within and beyond the transport industry. Today, the Company helps graduates, supports music and drama, movement design, and transport education, at university and post-graduation.

Our sincere thanks to the Carmen Company for its on-going, generous support and we very much hope that our partnership will continue to grow in the years to come.



# LIVES TOGETHER

## Partnership Bursaries Moving Forward

King Edward's Witley is one of the leading schools involved in 'Assisted Boarding' for vulnerable children. We have collaborated effectively with a number of authorities over the past few years, as well as the educational charities involved in the 'Boarding School Partnerships' in support of disadvantaged young people, many close to the edge of care. Throughout the UK, charities and boarding schools are already supporting up to 1000 deserving young people. The evidence shows that these 'Assisted Boarders' frequently out-perform their new boarding school peers on a range of social and educational criteria after a period of transition.

It is the Government's ambition to improve educational outcomes and boost aspirations for the most vulnerable young people in society.

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*"Together, we can and must increase access, improve opportunities and foster aspirations and belief in what looked after children can achieve."*

**Nadhim Zahawi**, Children and Families Minister – Association of Directors of Children's Services Conference July 2019.

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More children growing up in care are to benefit from places at top independent schools in the future, as well as mentoring and access to sports and music facilities.

A good education is a foundation for life. At King Edward's this means an exciting and stimulating curriculum, a broad range of sporting, artistic, musical, social and cultural opportunities within an environment which values independent learning, responsibility for others and the gratification of meeting a challenge head on.

This ambition builds on a 10-year project run by the Boarding Schools Partnerships and Norfolk County Council where young people who were either in care or at risk of going into care were taken off the Council's risk register after at least three years in a boarding school. A higher proportion of looked-after children who were at boarding schools achieved A\* to C grades (equivalent to grades 9-4 under the new system) in GCSE Maths and English, compared to all looked-after children in 2016.

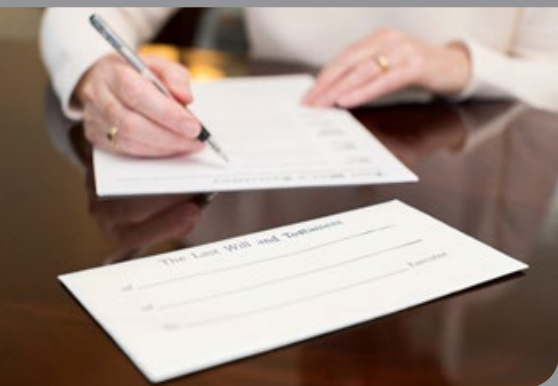


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*"I encourage young people's services everywhere to establish relationships with boarding schools so that they are in a position to evaluate the opportunity for placements of vulnerable young people as and when appropriate."*

**Lord Agnew**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education

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**The Bridewell Foundation's mission of helping society's neediest children get a better start in life remains as true today as it did in 1553.**

## Long Lasting Legacies

We are very grateful to all the Old Witleians who have pledged a legacy to the Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation to help secure the opportunity for future generations to attend King Edward's.

Often, we put off making a Will and some may think legacies are morbid, but in reality, legacies are a wonderful way of taking care of your family and friends and supporting the work of your favourite charities long into the future. For many of us, a legacy is the ultimate gift we will make.

Legacies of any size to the Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation, which supports King Edward's Witley, can be unrestricted, or restricted to your preferred area, and help us fund bursaries and/or improve the School's facilities and equipment.

If you would like an information pack on how to make a legacy to King Edward's Witley, which gives you membership to the 1553 Guild, please contact Lesley Humphreys on +44 (0)1428 686730 or by email [humphreysl@kesw.org](mailto:humphreysl@kesw.org).



# Be Part of Giving

## Bridewell Friend

Bridewell Friends make regular or one-off donations of up to £1,000 in one year. Friends are listed in our annual Donor Roll, receive the Bridewell Foundation Report and invitations to free School events.

*“I joined the School at age 12. I never looked back. I enjoyed the sport, house social activities and especially the fresh air. I even enjoyed learning. My teachers and house parents believed in me and encouraged me to achieve. King Edward’s gave me a place to call home and for me to practise my faith. It also gave me better social skills and the confidence to move on with my life.”*

John C\*, bursary pupil

## 1867 Society

Named after the year of the opening of the new School site in Witley, members of the 1867 Society donate over £1,000 during the year to the Bridewell Foundation. Their generosity is recognised in the annual Donor Roll, members are invited to School events and to an annual 1867 Society event.

## Bridewell Fellow

The Bridewell Fellowship recognises donors who have given over £10,000, and donor organisations who have given over £20,000, to the Foundation. Bridewell Fellows are awarded the Bridewell Medal by the Lord Mayor of the City of London at a ceremony at the Guildhall every March and listed in our annual Donor Roll. Bridewell Fellows are invited to the Bridewell Fellows’ Lunch and Carol Concert at King Edward’s each Christmas plus other important School events.

## Bridewell Patron

Bridewell Patrons, and Patron Charities, have donated over £50,000 to the Bridewell Foundation. They hold the Bridewell Medal and are members of the Bridewell Fellowship. Bridewell Patrons are listed in our annual Donor Roll and are awarded a Bridewell Patron Scroll.

## Bridewell Charter Patron

Our most generous donors of £100,000+ are in receipt of the Bridewell Medal, listed in our annual Donor Roll and join all Fellowship events. They have regular opportunities to meet the Head and Treasurer to be involved in the strategic direction of the Foundation.

## 1553 Guild

Members of the 1553 Guild have pledged a legacy in their Will to the Bridewell Foundation and are recognised in the annual Donor Roll. They are also invited to an annual 1553 Guild event at King Edward’s.

*Bridewell Royal Hospital Foundation, incorporating King Edward’s Witley, is a Registered Charity, number 311997.*

We are grateful  
for every gift to the  
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# Ways of Giving

## You can make a Regular Gift

Regular gifts are important to us as they enable us to make plans for the future with the security of your commitment.

Please complete the Direct Debit section of the Giving Form and return it to The Development Office, King Edward's Witley, Petworth Road, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5SG. You can set up Direct Debits online at [www.kesw.org/supportus](http://www.kesw.org/supportus).

## You can make a Single Gift

Single gifts of all sizes are very much appreciated – every gift makes a difference.

- Cheque or CAF voucher payable to King Edward's School Witley, and post to The Development Office, King Edward's Witley, Petworth Road, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5SG, UK
- Credit card at [www.kesw.org/support-us/bursaries-fund](http://www.kesw.org/support-us/bursaries-fund) or by completing the Giving Form
- Bank transfer to King Edward's School Witley, Sort Code: 16-00-15, Account no: 23109401 with the reference your full name and 'BF' for Bridewell Foundation
- Online at King Edward's Virgin Money Giving page:  
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/bridewellfoundation>

***Don't forget to opt in for Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer as we can reclaim 25% on your gift.***

## You can make a Legacy Gift

By making a gift of a legacy to the Bridewell Foundation you can make a significant contribution. Legacies to the Bridewell Foundation have been vital to our founding mission over the centuries. As a registered charity, a legacy to the Bridewell Foundation is, in most instances, tax free and if you leave 10% or more of your taxable estate to charity then you will qualify for a reduced rate of inheritance tax.

## Matched Giving

Payroll giving is one of the most tax-effective ways to donate to charity and also gives your employer the opportunity to match-fund your donation. Contact the Development Officer for more information.

## Company Sponsorship

Your company's fundraising activities can be directed towards the Bridewell Foundation and we welcome your ideas for this.



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