



## What is the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is an appeal made yearly to all members of the Eltham College Community. It aims to provide the resources to fund modest and achievable projects which enhance the life and educational development of our pupils. It also aims to nurture a closer relationship between the College and Old Elthamians, parents and friends, through regular giving to projects that will be realised within a year. In this way we seek to show that gifts of any size can make a genuine difference to the school and it is your participation that really counts.

## Why give to Eltham College?

Eltham College is not a wealthy school and fees are our only source of income. Extra projects are dependent on the generosity of others. As a charity we have always worked within the local community; we provide bursaries for those who need financial support to benefit from the education offered here. We want to do more.



## To receive further information

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## The Annual Fund

*2008 Eltham College Appeal*





## What will the money be spent on?

### Bursaries

Eltham College used to receive government funding to support about a quarter of all pupils under the Direct Grant and then the Assisted Places Schemes. The funding was phased out, ending in 2004. To stay true to the wishes of our founders, and keep the College open to all who would benefit, we undertook to replace as much of this funding as possible from School resources and fund-raising. Over 200 boys and girls receive assistance; £120,000 was raised for Bursaries in the last Annual Fund.

### Culture and the Arts

Many visitors come to the school for cultural events. They are impressed with both the standard and the numbers of boys and girls involved, whether it is in the many choirs and ensembles, stage productions, or the pupil artwork displayed around the school. This year the Annual Fund paid for a digital lighting desk and lights for the Antony Barnard Hall and the installation of a music recording studio.

### Sports and Outdoor Pursuits

Participation in sport and outdoor pursuits helps to shape a pupil's future interests. The 2007 Appeal provided a new scoreboard for the 1st XI pitch, kettle-bells for the Conditioning Room and a set of Satellite Personal Trackers to log the pupils' progress when on Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme expeditions.

### Area of greatest need

A gift to the unrestricted fund is one of the most valuable gifts you can make. We will decide which of the above funds most needs your donation.



## How much should I give?

However much you feel comfortable giving. Participation is the key, not the level of generosity. Gifts can be single or spread over the year through paying monthly by direct debit. Giving tax effectively through the Gift Aid system, the value of your gift can be increased by over 25% and, if you are a higher rate taxpayer, the actual cost to you can be further reduced.

## How does the process work?

Apart from bursaries, which are awarded by the Headmaster according to need, projects are proposed by the teachers and pupils from the Junior and Senior Schools. Each application is scrutinized by the Annual Fund Committee, which is made up of individuals from the governing, teaching, pupil, parent and alumni bodies. Projects are chosen according to assessed need. The Fund runs for the length of the academic year, and a report on the projects supported will be produced in June 2009.