



Leaving people and places
better than we found them





The York House Way

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Providing a positive, stimulating
and safe environment

To offer a quality of experience
in outdoor education, art, sport,
music, drama and all aspects of
our co-curriculum

A positive outlook

Self-reliance





The York House Foundation is proving to be a highly valued part of the school community. With an aim of supporting school development, the Foundation has passionate and highly positive leadership from people who love the school and all that York House achieves for the children here.

From my point of the view, our wonderful YHPA support the daily life and experience of the school community within each academic year, whilst the Foundation looks longer-term and also engages with the alumni and wider Yorkist community.

In line with our commitment to prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils and to build the resilience so necessary in today's world, the Foundation is supporting a new resource for the school with a 'walled garden' project which will be a wonderful space for children to relax, find peace and calm, learn and thrive. This project fits in all ways within our pupil aims of a positive outlook, self-reliance and leaving people and places better than we find them.

Jon Gray



York House School
is an independent
school for boys and
girls aged 3-13.



The school was founded in 1910 and has been located in our stunning location just outside Croxley Green, Hertfordshire since 1966. At York House we believe in a broad and enjoyable education, with pupils aiming to leave with a positive outlook, sense of self-reliance and the ability to leave people and places better than they found them.

With the provision within the school day of sport, music, art, drama, outdoor education and also our 90+ co-curricular clubs the pupils receive a remarkable experience here. Our belief is that there should be room in a child's school life for joy, wonder, pleasure and adventure.

At York House, everything we do aims to give our pupils the best possible preparation for their futures. We recognise that academic success is paramount, with high-quality teaching and small class sizes, each and every child fulfils their academic potential. However, we firmly believe that there is more to education than academic success and that to prepare children for their futures, we must also look to develop character and instil positive learning habits. As we contemplate a future world for our children full of opportunities, but also plenty of uncertainties, it is qualities such as a positive outlook, leadership and self-reliance, not just a set of exam results, that will give our pupils the best chance of success. We call this commitment to personal development 'The York House Way'.

Leaving people and places better than we found them...

In true keeping with our school's philosophy of leaving people and places better than we found them, we believe that to continue to offer our children and our community a school and facilities to ensure we uphold our promise, that we must upgrade and expand what we currently have.

We are fortunate to have started the first phase of this important development and urgently need to ensure that the future phases of the project are secured as quickly as possible to give the future generations of children an exceptional facility fit for the 21st century.

We hope that you, Old Yorkists, York House families past and present and friends of York House school will join us in the pursuit of leaving our wonderful school better than we found it.



Building the future

A significant part of the fundraising efforts carried out by the York House Foundation is to provide exemplary facilities to benefit our pupils, staff and future York House families.

York House in the community

York House School aims to provide a wonderful facility that is a benefit to our local community. We welcome local schools and clubs to York House during the term so that many local children and families can enjoy the enhanced and improved facilities.

Bursaries

At York House the provision of bursaries for pupils attending our school continues to be a key aim. Raising funds to be able to do this is vitally important.



Mission Statement

The York House Foundation enhances the experiences of our children and our community ensuring that we stay true to the school philosophy of "Leaving people and places better than we found them", providing educational opportunities to promote life-long learning, with a commitment to our environmental responsibilities, sustainability, historical preservation and working closely with our local community.

Vision

- To provide bursaries to enable pupils to attend the school.
- To provide a facility fit for the 21st century benefitting our pupils and our local community.
- To preserve the school's commitment to the environment and outdoor learning by enhancing and sustaining the wider grounds of the school.
- To ensure that we are a vital part of our local community providing a facility to promote healthy living and environmental education.
- To instill the love of learning and continue to promote 'The York House Way' to future generations.

How can you support the York House Foundation?

Philanthropy is at the core of any successful fundraising project and we understand that giving is a very personal decision that comes from the heart. No matter how large or small, every penny counts so, if you are able to support York House there are several ways in which you may contribute. We are relying on the generous support of former pupils, families past and present and other friends of York House School to join us and realise the aims of the foundation.

A single donation

A cash donation can be made by bank transfer, credit/debit card, cheque or standing order.

An ongoing donation

These will continually support the school and provide a predictable income which allows for better financial planning. Regular gifts may be established by either standing order or direct debit, either monthly, quarterly or annually.

Company matching gift schemes

Many companies will match an individual employee's gift to a registered charity. Please inform the school office if your employer offers this facility.

Legacies

A legacy or a bequest is a gift of cash, shares, or property left to others in one's Will. As it is a gift given after one's lifetime, it can be an easier, and potentially more substantial donation.

Giving from wages or pension payments

Provided that your current (or former) employer runs a Payroll Giving scheme, you can authorise them to deduct from your salary, or pension payment, a one-off donation or regular donations to York House Foundation. Send the school office any documents required and once set up, your donations will be made by bank transfer directly to York House School from the Payroll Giving scheme provider.

Our aims for the York House Foundation we hope are clear. We are excited at the possibilities ahead and how we can ensure the future for our school, our children and our community.

Your support is fundamental to meeting our vision and we look forward to working together.



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Gift of shares

Donating shares to the York House Foundation is a very practical way to raise funds. Please discuss with the school office prior to carrying out the transaction.

Bursary Fund

You can support the York House Bursary Fund with one-off gifts, regular giving or a pledge to be fulfilled at an agreed date in the future. Find out more about Bursaries at York House www.york-house.com/our-community/alumni.

Increase your donation with Gift Aid

As a UK taxpayer, Gift Aiding your donation increases its value to York House School by 25%, at no extra cost to you. To Gift Aid your donation, simply complete the Gift Aid declaration at the bottom of the donation form. Note: Corporate donations are not eligible for Gift Aid; however, the donation may be treated as an allowable expense, thereby making a saving on corporation tax.

Resource and support

If you are unable to donate a monetary gift but can give support in the form of non-financial gifts, such as musical instruments, books, an item for auction, or your time to help with fundraising activities, we would love to hear from you. All support is gratefully received. Please contact the school office if you are able to help in any way.

