

Earnest
hearts once
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for the
halls we
tread.



The Junior Branch has raised £74,000 which will be used to fund the school's programme of installing specialised, state-of-the-art classroom furniture and interactive smart boards. This combination is transforming the learning experience of all the boys in the JB and brings a very modern feel to the classrooms.

The support of the UCS community is vital to the school and the future of its pupils. With each September comes the anticipation of what the academic year ahead will hold and we have been so impressed by how the UCS community has come together in its support of our quest to build on the bursary provision offered and in continuing to improve the school's facilities.

You will know that the new Sports Pavilion construction is underway with £1.25m given towards this project from current parents and Old Gowers.

£325,000 has been given and pledged this year in support of bursaries. This represents a further sixteen years worth of bursaries we can offer which would give two pupils a full seven-year education at UCS. Thanks to the funds raised for the Kenneth Durham Memorial Bursary, four students so far will be fully supported throughout their sixth form careers.

We are also delighted to announce that in November 2018 the UCS Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching (CILT) is expected to open, thanks to the visionary support we have received for this project from the AKO Foundation.

This report is an opportunity to thank you once again for the many ways you have supported UCS, a school we are so proud to be a part of and which, without your support, would be a different place. We look forward to seeing you at Frognaal soon.

Mark J Beard
Headmaster

Simon Lewis OBE
Chairman of Council

Corporation Est. 1905

The legacy of Edward VII

UCS Corporation has been in existence since the school proposed its move to Frognaal from Gower Street; in fact it is synonymous with this site. Old Gowers and the UCS Community were petitioned for their subscriptions to build the magnificent buildings in which UCS is housed today. Those who gave their support were recognised then for their generosity by being invited to join Corporation which was advocated by Edward VII, who opened the school in 1907.

Today UCS continues to recognise those of our community who have shown the same dedication to the school by giving the equivalent of at least one term's school fees.

Members of Corporation are valued for their friendship towards UCS.

We encourage all our members to feel involved with the school, by knowing more about the school's achievements and of our plans for the future. Each Spring Term members are invited to an annual meeting at which the Chairman of Council along with the Heads of the Senior School, Junior Branch and Pre-Prep, present current news and plans and are happy to answer any questions members may have.

Members are kept up to date throughout the year via the Development Office and are invited to key occasions celebrated at the school.

This year we are proud to welcome nine new members to Corporation. We look forward to seeing them at the next meeting, if not before.



HM Edward VII and Queen Alexandra arriving to open UCS Frognaal, 26th July 1907



HM Edward VII and Queen Alexandra at UCS Frognaal, 26th July 1907



Giving to UCS in 2016-17

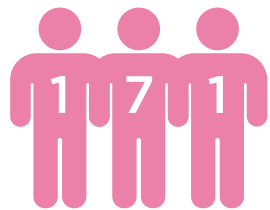
Some donors choose to give from the United States via BSUF - the British Schools and Universities Foundation, a grant making organisation which supports UCS.



Donors chose to give monthly



Given by 3 people in their Wills



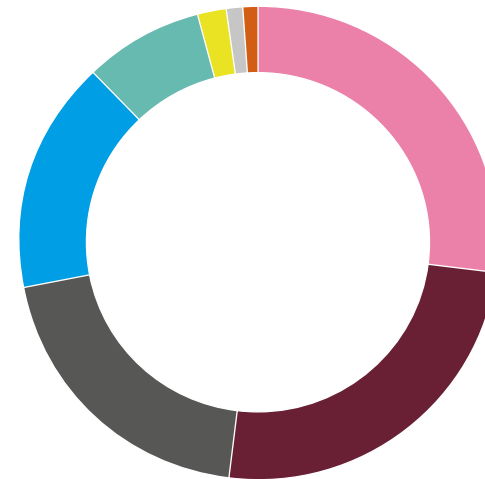
Donors, 71 of whom made their first gift to UCS



Gifts in total

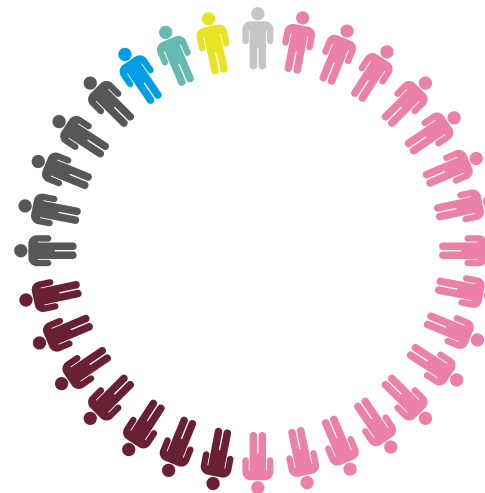
UCS CILT will be the new Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching opening in Autumn Term 2018.

What did you give to this year?



Playing Fields	£245,390
UCS CILT	£220,000
Bursary Support	£177,797
Kenneth Durham Bursary	£146,998
Junior Branch	£73,848
Unrestricted	£23,254
Pre-Prep	£5,000
Music	£1,250

Who gave this year?



Old Gower	81
Parent	33
Former Parent	28
Former Staff	7
Grandparent	4
Friend	4
Staff	3



“IT’S DIFFICULT
TO FIND THE
WORDS TO FULLY
EXPRESS ONE’S
GRATITUDE FOR
ALL OF THIS!”

UCS Bursaries

Through the support given this year UCS can offer a further sixteen years of bursary provision – that’s the equivalent of just over two pupils’ seven-year education at the school. This, along with the school’s provision for bursaries, means we are able to offer the equivalent of 57 fully funded places at the school.

“The dysfunctionality of my own home life was such that by the age of 13 years I was heading more for a Young Offenders Institute than a rewarding career in Medicine. The positive and caring influence that I received at UCS (both from school friends and from several of the teachers) quite literally ‘saved’ my life.”

Mark Gilmour
OG 1960–1969



Vivienne Durham opening the new centre for social sciences.

The Kenneth Durham Memorial Bursary

Members of the UCS community were invited to contribute to a bursary in honour of former Headmaster, Kenneth Durham. **£146,998** has been given so far, which is enough to support four students through Sixth Form careers at UCS.

In conjunction with the KJD Bursary, senior school classrooms were renovated and a centre for Social Sciences was opened in Ken's memory.

"I had little hesitation in supporting the Ken Durham Memorial Bursary to enable a student to study the social sciences in the Sixth Form at UCS. Ken himself was a keen advocate of independent thought and analysis together with the promotion of the individual to make the very best of their academic and extra-curricular potential: educating the whole person is what the UCS Sixth Form is all about.

As a student I was extremely fortunate to have my secondary schooling, undergraduate and postgraduate courses assisted by a number of bursaries; by making a monthly contribution to the Ken Durham Memorial Bursary, I hope I can help a UCS Sixth Form student in a way that in the past others have supported me."

Geoff Greenhough
UCS Staff (1982-2005)



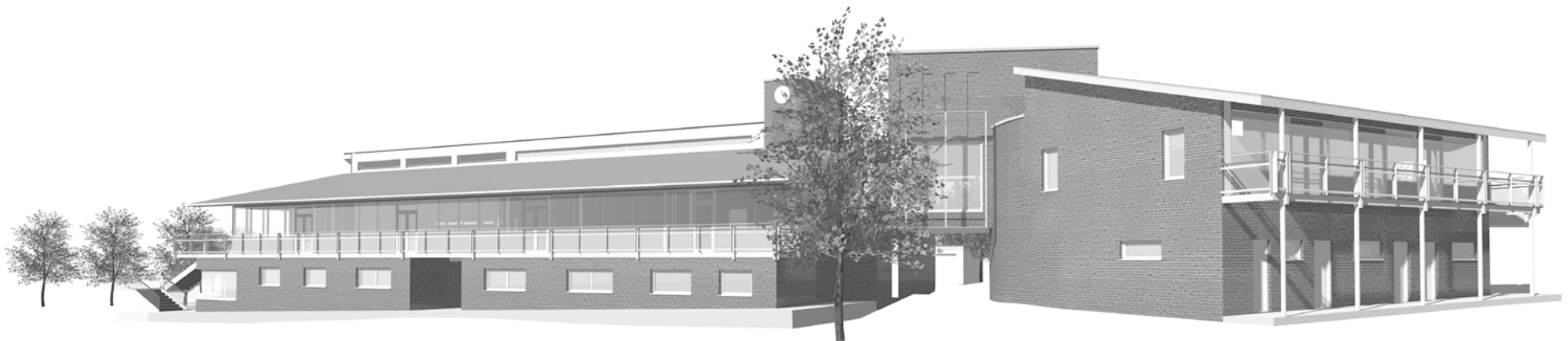
November 2017

Playing Fields and Sports Pavilion

This year, members of the UCS community have given **£250,000** to the Pavilion. This is enough to fund one of the most important pieces of the Pavilion such as the roof.

Total raised so far for the project:

£1,246,140



Class Gift 2017

The Class Gifts of 2016 and 2017 now fully support two students currently studying in the Sixth Form.



Total amount
raised this year



This year's
average Gift



“Our son left UCS with an outstanding education and so much more. His teachers instilled in him intellectual curiosity while preparing him for university. He felt part of a vibrant, diverse community with a range of activities from athletics to arts and community service. There was also a great camaraderie amongst his

classmates and he has gained friends for life. It is a pleasure to contribute back to UCS so as to ensure that promising young people, regardless of background, can take advantage of the tremendous resources UCS has to offer.”

Bill Benjamin
Parent, Class of 2017





Junior Branch Class Gift 2017

Over the summer, as members of Year 6 completed their time at the Junior Branch, their parents joined generations of JB families in supporting the school.

£16,000 was raised for the JB Class Gift, which will enable the JB to improve the learning environment for the pupils straight away.

“Our two sons have been at the Junior Branch since Year 3 and one has now moved up to the Senior School. We all really value the community and supportive spirit of UCS, great teachers as well as confident leadership. We are very glad to support the school in any way we can.”

Verdi and Maria Israelyan
JB Parents



The Rose Foundation

A long-standing supporter of UCS

“UCS combines a liberal ethos with academic integrity. It was modern when other schools were antiquated and it trounces others in their attempts to modernise. It discovers and, again in contrast to many others, encourages its pupils’ talents, no matter how remote from the mainstream. The exceptional bonding between its pupils is rarely found elsewhere and the school is somehow infiltrated by a dry and subtle humour which is a pleasure to be around.”

Martin Rose
The Rose Foundation

This year the Rose Foundation supported a project at the Pre-Prep:

“The generous donation enabled renovation of the pupil toilets and washing facilities, which are now pirate themed, and have created a much brighter and more social environment for the children.”

Zoe Dunn
Pre-Prep Headmistress

Working together

Previous Rose Foundation projects have included: stonework renovation at Froggnal, refitting of the Junior Branch Library and the installation of the disabled lift in the Kent building.



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