



CASE FOR SUPPORT

WILSON'S GIVING DAY 2022

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?

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22/09/2022



THE GIVING TRADITION

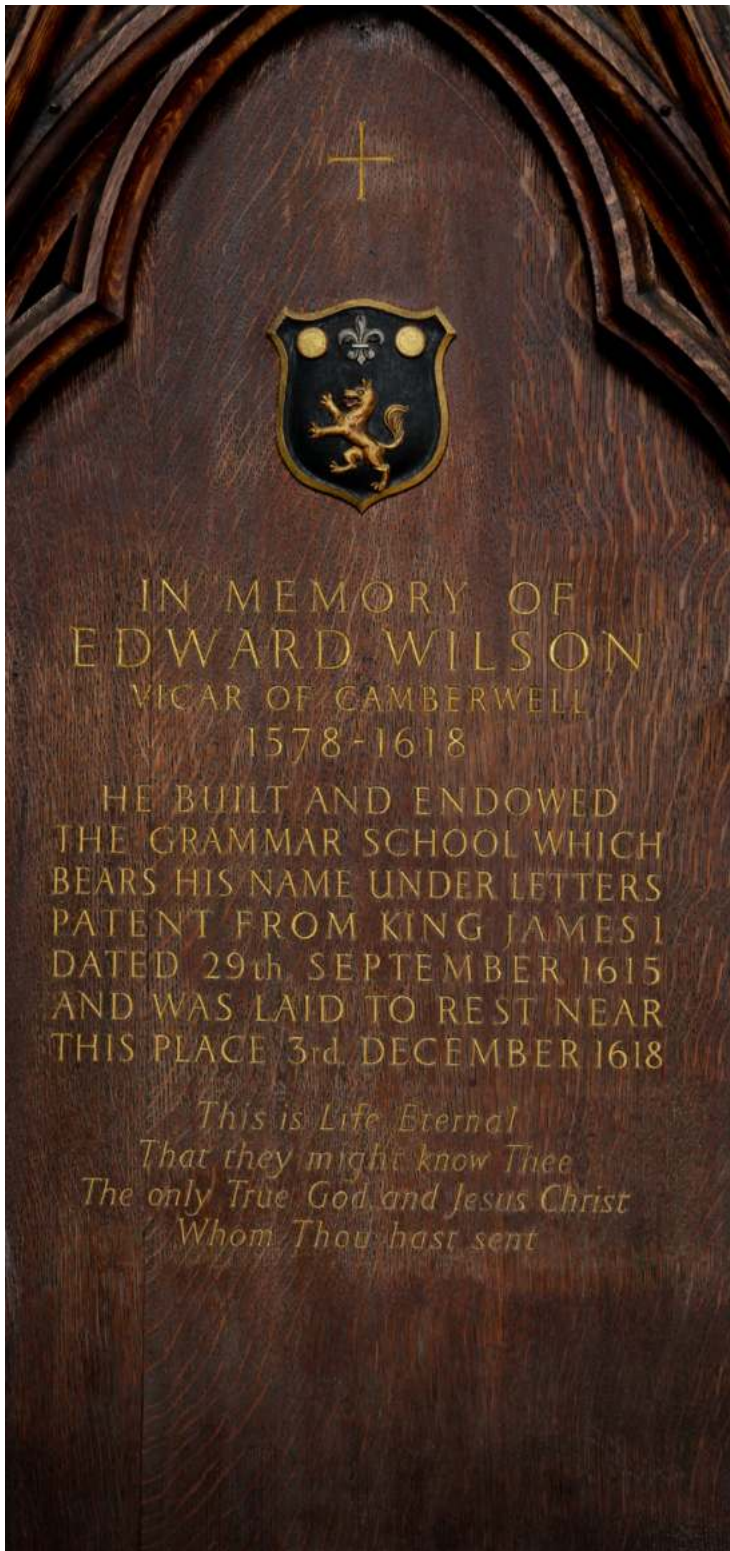


Our Founder, Edward Wilson, was born in Lancashire 472 years ago; his personal example demonstrates perfectly how charitable giving has the power to transform lives.

On 29th September 1615, Edward Wilson obtained letters patent from the Crown to enable him to open a Free Grammar School on seven acres of land in Camberwell, adjacent to the Church of St Giles.



The Patent Rolls declared that the school should be for “the better education, institution and instruction of the children and youth of the poor in that parish”.



Edward Wilson gifted to the school’s Governing Body the land on which the school was situated. His motivation might be explained by his own humble background. Wilson had been a Sizar (subsidised place) at Cambridge University having previously benefitted from a free grammar school education in Lancashire. As a result, Wilson understood the value of a grammar school education in accessing otherwise unattainable opportunities.

Wilson's School is still guided by this principle today.



THE POWER OF GIVING



In its 407 year history, giving has continued to underpin the successful development of the school...

1972



Generous donations during the 1960's and 70's from Albert Bournier (a member of the Governing Body) helped to develop the school and transformed parts of the Old Wilsonian Association sports ground at Hayes.

2022



The Old Wilsonian Association sports ground at Hayes continues to be used by Wilson's alumni, over half a century since Bournier's initial generosity.

Periodic fundraising Campaigns involving the whole school community have also proved to be transformational, in particular the Campaign in 2014/15 to refurbish the School Hall and to re-name it 'The John Jenkins Hall' in memory of a highly respected Deputy Head.



A number of grant-making trusts and foundations have also been highly supportive and a majority of school parents continue to give regularly and generously to Wilson's via the parental contribution scheme.

Finally, the construction of our new music school would not have been possible without a fundraising drive organised by the school's development office which harnessed charitable giving right across the wider Wilson's community.



SECURING OUR FUTURE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES



Since its foundation the school has faced many challenges with fortitude and optimism. Edward Wilson would have been proud of the way in which Wilson's continues to thrive.



The school is centred on the outstanding pastoral care it provides. Its pastoral system very effectively communicates the core values of respect, acceptance and service. The motto of the school - 'Non Sibi Sed Omnibus' (Not for Oneself but for All) - drives all that we do.



Academically, Wilson's ranks consistently among the most exceptional state schools in the country and in 2021 the Sunday Times announced Wilson's as its 'London State Secondary School of the Decade'.



Wilson's is proud of its rich sporting, cultural and social programme which continues to give pupils a unique opportunity to develop the skills and qualities on which their futures will depend. We believe that an all-round education not only serves individual development but is also increasingly valued within the world of work, where teamwork, imagination and service are central to many of today's most successful enterprises.



Despite its continuing success, Wilson's is not a wealthy school. Whilst out-performing independent schools, Wilson's, as a state school, operates under significant budgetary strictures, running all its services on around a third of the average budget of local fee-paying schools. Current cost increases relating to the price of energy and food will put further significant pressures on the school's finances.

An annual Wilson's Giving Day is therefore an important method of focusing the minds of all members of the school community on the relevance and necessity of giving and of giving back.



OUR PLANS FOR MUSIC AND FOR SPORT



Construction of our new music school and fitness suite is almost complete.

The challenge now is to fit-out and equip these new facilities so that our students can enjoy the best possible learning experiences.

Hear about our development plans for music and sport at Wilson's from three key speakers:

Mr Lissimore, Senior Deputy Head

Our Senior Deputy Head, Mr Lissimore - who has taught music at Wilson's for over 14 years - discusses what we need to fit-out the nine practice rooms, three music classrooms, and the state-of-the-art recital suite in the new music building!



Mr Dudley, Director of Sport

Our Director of Sport, Mr Dudley, talks about the benefits our brand new fitness suite will provide to the Wilson's community, and notes how much we need in order to fit-out the space properly!



Paul Britton (Old Wilsonian)

Paul Britton (OW) studied at Wilson's in the 1980s and is thankful for the extraordinary role the school played in his life. Hear about Paul's special pledge for Giving Day - to match every pound that is donated!





WHAT IS GIVING DAY?



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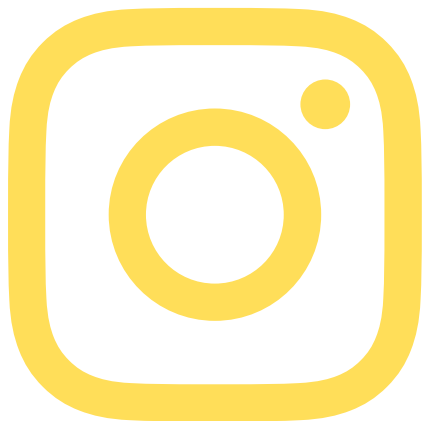
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Giving Day is a 24 hour period – Thursday 22nd September 2022 – when everyone in the Wilson's community is invited to play their part in the school's ongoing success.

As we are trying to fashion a community of donors, the key is not how much you give but that you participate.



GET INVOLVED!



To stay in the loop, follow the official Wilson's Giving Day Instagram account by clicking on the icon to the left, or by searching for @Wilson's Giving Day on the App!



Scan the QR code or click on the PayPal logo, to donate via PayPal Giving. Use the reference "WGD2022" to support our campaign!



Donate via Text Giving

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