



A Gift for Learning ... Phase 3



Building for their future



Introduction from Ashley Clancy, Principal

The Ladies' College was founded in 1872, the same time as Newnham College Cambridge became open to women, and is one of the oldest girls' schools in the world.

It is difficult to imagine how ground-breaking it was to educate girls, yet in 2015, we live in a society where equality is fundamental and it is the responsibility of the College to provide a rounded education, equipping young women for impressive professional careers, but also to balance academic achievements with a happy, healthy and fulfilling life, both as a young person and as an adult.

This latest development will provide infrastructure that replaces outdated Portakabins, as well as an environment that reflects the hard work and achievements of the girls at The Ladies' College. Current students already benefit from The Leaf Centre and Art and Drama classrooms developed during Phases 1 and 2 and we are grateful to all who have donated in the past to support these developments.

As the College embarks on the third and most ambitious phase of building, it is hoped that the girls, and the wider College community, will engage with the project.



The project requires substantial investment and there is a requirement to raise at least a quarter of the cost through fundraising,

It is a great privilege to be Principal of The Ladies' College at such an exciting time in its evolution and it is particularly heartening to see the interest and excitement from the girls as they begin to understand the opportunities and developments linked to Phase 3.



A message from our Phase 3 Patron, Dame Mary Perkins, Governor of The Ladies' College

I am delighted to be Patron of this exciting fundraising campaign for the Phase 3 new buildings. The removal of those long standing "temporary" classrooms is something every student and teacher looks forward to. As a mother of two Old Girls and three granddaughters currently at the College, this project is close to my heart and has been fought for by the College Governors for several years.

We need to continue to meet the demands of educating our girls in today's technology-rich, fast-paced, global society. Their considerable talents, whether they be academic, musical, sport or in the Arts, need to grow and flourish in appropriate buildings.

With your invaluable help this Phase 3 campaign will make a real difference to The Ladies' College students and staff.

Why does The Ladies' College need to fundraise?

We are about to embark on an ambitious building project and to be able to do this there is a need to fundraise.

The Ladies' College had not received any capital investment for over 40 years prior to the first fundraising campaign in 2009.

The States of Guernsey do not subsidise the College in any building development capacity, and therefore all funds needed to improve facilities have to be sourced by ourselves, by our own efforts.

The Ladies' College has been a beacon of women's education in Guernsey for over 140 years. The College is proud of its history and honours the vision and traditions upon which it was founded.

Nevertheless it also recognises the need to evolve, to ensure that it can continue to meet the demands of educating women. The Ladies' College students are high achievers and are independent and ambitious young women. They have benefitted from the development of the Sixth Form Leaf Centre in 2011 and the Drama and Art building in 2012.

From the Pre-Preparatory Department to the Upper Sixth, all girls benefit from the existing facilities around the campus, provided by previous donors. As the College embarks on this next phase 3, we hope you might feel able to financially contribute to this current project.

“I am very excited about the new refectory because we will go over for lunch and have lots of choices. The new music rooms sound amazing, I can't wait to play my flute there.”

Melrose Pupil, Form 1



The Campaign so far ... Phases 1 and 2

'A Gift for Learning' fundraising campaign launched in 2009 successfully achieved its target. This enabled the College to build the new Sixth Form facility, the Leaf Centre, in 2011, and in the following year, the completion of the Art and Drama building adjacent to Melrose.

The new Sixth Form Leaf Centre allows for independent study in modern surroundings, offering up-to-date technology and flexible study areas.

The Art and Drama studios are used extensively by Melrose and the senior school girls. Designed for multi-purpose use, they are modern, full of light and space, and enable increased enjoyment of the subjects taught in this environment.

Donations from our benefactors enable the College to develop into a modern facility, allowing the girls to flourish throughout their education at The Ladies' College.

“ The Leaf Centre has been an invaluable addition to the facilities at the College. It offers our Sixth Form girls greater freedom, also allowing them to take more responsibility for their learning environment. There is a spacious foyer, fantastic kitchen, large classroom and a study area for each year group. This fully modernised facility has allowed us to positively develop Sixth Form life. ”

**Vanessa Mitchell,
Head of Sixth Form & Psychology**



“ The introduction of the Drama studio has made an inordinate contribution to the teaching of drama; allowing our students to rehearse, perform and expand their dramatic abilities. The capacity to explore theatre skills in a prescribed area allows our students to put into practice the view of George Bernard Shaw that “imagination is the beginning of creation. ”

Geoffrey Swann, Head of Drama



Phase 3 ... the replacement of the temporary classrooms

At last the huts are going!

Initially three temporary classrooms arrived on the senior school site in November 1999, rescued from Forest Primary School and were in use from January 2000. Originally they were meant to be used for just three years, however, instead their numbers were added to over the next four years. The subjects taught in these temporary classrooms range from Senior School Art, A-level Modern Foreign Languages, Maths, Economics, Music and Geography, as well as being used as music practice rooms. These classrooms will become part of the extension to the main building.

The removal of the huts will make space for parking, and the College's landscaped grounds will be improved for the benefit of the girls and staff.

“ We are looking forward to having a new space to work in. The huts are depressing and can be quite cold! ”

Lower 4 - Guitarists/Singers

“ It will be fantastic to be able to introduce some studio recording sessions into lesson time with our specially designed practice rooms/studio. The new space will also contain much needed storage for the many instruments that we have. ”

Alastair Nye, Director of Music



The building work for Phase 3 is planned to start at the end of the academic school year in 2015. The Board of Governors has secured a 25 year lease from the States of Guernsey and this needs to be further secured by the College making its own capital investment to the land and buildings.

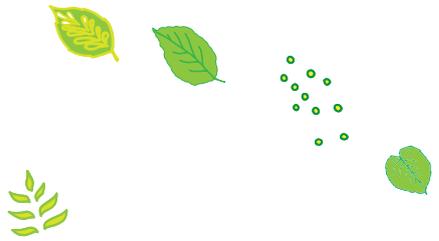


Image of Front Elevation





The new plans include –

- 🌿 New Library
- 🌿 New refectory to cater for the whole school
- 🌿 New music rooms, including a performing and recording facility
- 🌿 New study skills area
- 🌿 Refurbished reception area
- 🌿 Extra tutorial space
- 🌿 Improved classrooms
- 🌿 Lift to improve access



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Do your duty come what may has been the motto of The Ladies' College throughout its history, and it is very apt to the way the girls approach their studies and co-curricular activities.

In addition to the outstanding examination results the students produce each year in their GCSE and A level subjects, the College firmly believes that education is not just about results. Throughout their time at the school every girl is given encouragement, support and the opportunity to contribute to the school through sport, drama, musical activities, school council, assemblies, and inter-school and inter-island competitions. Additionally girls compete and take part in many outside school activities such as Eisteddfod, Duke of Edinburgh awards, Young Enterprise, Guernsey Arts events and Island Games.

“ Melrose girls swim throughout the year and love their weekly ballet lessons, as well as enjoying outdoor games and gymnastics. ”

Liz Dudin, PE

“ As a Head Teacher, I can tell you that we must look beyond the results and provide an education with real breadth and depth, to nurture and develop character, to break down gender stereotypes; in short, to encourage each girl to be what she wants to be. ”

Sarah Spurrier, Head of Melrose



Life beyond the College

There is real diversity in what the girls choose to pursue once they leave the College.

Some choose to stay in Guernsey and start their working lives within local corporations and businesses, which are very supportive in employing talented school leavers. Employers actively encourage the continuation of study for professional qualifications, within their chosen field, for example accountancy, trust management, nursing, human resources and the creative industries.

Others go further afield to begin their higher education specialising in a wide range of subjects such as Medicine, Mathematics, Psychology, Drama, Broadcast Journalism and Management Studies to name but a few. For all of them, the journey that began at The Ladies' College enables them to become successful and independent young women of the future. Many return to the island to pursue their careers and raise their own family.

“ Every year businesses recruit school leavers and graduates who are looking to start their career in business in a stimulating commercial environment sometimes with the opportunity to gain an excellent professional qualification. These businesses are committed to recruiting, developing and promoting a diverse workforce and attracting the best candidates from local schools. Over the years, Guernsey employers have recruited a number of individuals from The Ladies' College and more recently several bursaries have been awarded. ”

Jo Huxtable, Parent



Initial Campaign Target ... £2 million

The College has built up some reserves but this is still not enough to meet the costs of the improvements needed and Phase 3 is the most ambitious, in terms of size and cost.

We need to raise £2 million in a short time to complete the Phase 3 capital investment programme in the school. Previous fundraising has been successful and this latest campaign will include the whole College community and local corporate organisations.

MONTHLY PAYMENT	ANNUAL PAYMENT	GIFT OVER 5 YEARS	NO OF GIFTS	TOTAL GIVEN
£1,667	£20,000	£100,000	2	£200,000
£1,250	£15,000	£75,000	4	£300,000
£834	£10,000	£50,000	5	£250,000
£417	£5,000	£25,000	10	£250,000
£250	£3,000	£15,000	15	£225,000
£167	£2,000	£10,000	15	£150,000
£125	£1,500	£7,500	20	£150,000
£84	£1,000	£5,000	50	£250,000
£42	£500	£2,500	60	£150,000
£17	£200	£1,000	75	£75,000
			256	£2,000,000
				TARGET REACHED

“ I urge you to become involved in this campaign, to enable the College to continue providing opportunities the girls deserve. This enriches the talent needed for the future success of Guernsey ”



Dame Mary Perkins



The College can claim the tax back on annual gifts of between £500 and £5,000 (£10,000 for a married couple) in a calendar year. For every qualifying £100 the charity can claim £25 from the Director of Income Tax. Therefore a pledge of £5,000 in a calendar year would actually result in a £6,250 gift for the College, and over 5 years this could turn a £25,000 pledge into a gift of £31,250.

Recognition of Gifts

All great schools throughout the centuries have grown and flourished through the philanthropy of individuals who care about their future. The Ladies' College strongly believes it is important to acknowledge and thank every donor who decides to support this final phase of the Fundraising Campaign. A creative public acknowledgement of gifts, in keeping with the College's character and ethos, will be revealed during the latter stages of the Fundraising Campaign in the form of a dedicated "donor tree" created by a local artist. The leaves on the tree will be in bronze, silver, gold and platinum, dependant on the size of the donation. Future naming rights will be available once the new build is complete, such as furniture, equipment and landscaping for the new areas.



Major benefactors may be interested in these dedicated naming opportunities. More information available from the Campaign office.

Naming Opportunity	Value Required	Quantity Available
Library	£150,000	1
Refectory	£150,000	1
Music rooms	£50,000	2
Recording room	£25,000	1
Music practice rooms	£10,000	2
Study skills	£10,000	1
Other classrooms	£10,000	8
Named family bricks	£2,000	Unlimited





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