



# MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS 7 - 18 AND SIXTH FORM GIRLS



*Over 140 organisations are in partnership with MCS each year, including:*

**Schools, councils, hospitals, care homes, hospices, local businesses, museums, university colleges and charities.**



## FROM THE MASTER

The Outreach programme at MCS has been in place for many years and we have built significant and strong partnerships with many of our local state schools, hospitals, charities, councils and community groups. It is part of our grammar school heritage to encourage and foster a sense of communal responsibility in our pupils. Our fourth aim is 'to equip pupils to make a positive and lasting contribution to their communities, both now and in the future.' Over the past year we have been focusing on what it really means to prepare our pupils for the wider world and help them learn how to contribute fully to society. The CSO programme and the outreach projects we undertake are a major part of that.

There are significant benefits on both sides. Our local community gains access to activities and facilities they would not otherwise enjoy. Our pupils learn how to plan, to mentor and to work independently. They gain a deeper understanding of the community in which they live and their place in it. By helping and supporting others to grow and learn, they grow and learn themselves. It is a privilege to be educated at Magdalen College School and one we seek to share with others.

This document details some of the many routes through which we are involved with the community, but we are looking for ways to forge new partnerships and collaborations too. This year we have introduced an Entrepreneurship programme, designed to help students from MCS and from other schools to create new enterprises with links to local charities. We aim to expand on this over the next few years and introduce more creative projects and partnerships with others. I encourage anyone reading this report to get in touch to discuss ways in which we can develop this further.

I would also like to thank the many members of the MCS community who do so much to support our Outreach work and our pupils.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Helen Pike'. The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above a thin, curved line that extends to the right.

Helen Pike, Master

*The pupils make an exceptionally positive contribution to the lives of others within the school, to the local community and to wider society. The scope of pupils' contributions to the wider community is particularly outstanding.*

Inspection Report March 2017

Over  
8800 people  
directly reached by  
MCS outreach and  
engagement

## TIMELINE

1966	● Public Service Corps formed
1974	● Public Service Corps becomes the Community Service Organisation
2002	● Primary Enrichment Day introduced
2008	● Arts Festival founded
2010	● Gifted and Talented Summer School introduced Collaboration with Parasol Project begins
2012	● Open day for aspiring medics introduced
2015	● Primary Maths Challenge begin Arts Festival gains funding from Arts Council England for the first time
2016	● Young writers' course Primary Schools' Readathon School and Festival become part of the Council's Cultural Education Partnership
2017	● MCS becomes MCC Foundation Cricket Hub Charity Drive established
2018	● Entrepreneurship programme launched

## ON CSO HOSPITAL PLACEMENTS:

*In the twelve years that I have been involved with this I have always found the students to be really helpful and wonderful ambassadors for their school.*

Senior Receptionist, University Hospitals Trust

MCS  
students carry out  
over 7200 hours of  
voluntary service  
each year

## LOCAL COMMUNITY

### CSO HOSPITAL PLACEMENTS:

MCS pupils provide support on Reception and with administrative tasks. They escort patients to appointments and professional visitors to the Trust offices, carry out office duties and provide activities for patients on wards.



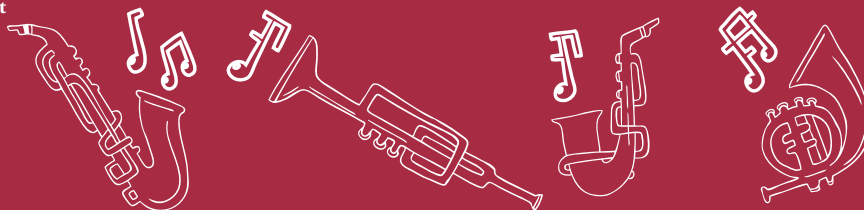


#### ON PARASOL JAZZ EVENING:

*For the past 5 years our youth group has been invited to a Spring Jazz performance and BBQ. For Parasol the whole evening is an exercise in taking young people out of their comfort zone by giving them access to high quality music within a strange but welcoming environment.*

*The young people quickly become settled and end the evening dancing along with Magdalen students to the band's brilliant finale. Parasol LOVE Magdalen.*

Project Manager, Parasol Project



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

MCS encourages participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and provides staff to support this. Every pupil who takes part engages in volunteering: at Bronze level for three months (L4th and U4th), at Silver for six months (5th Form) and at Gold for 12 months (Sixth Form). Activities include charity shop work, conservation work, charity fundraising and charity volunteering.



#### ON CARE HOME VISITS:

*Sebastian has made a friend in particular with one of our residents who has enjoyed his company each week when he visits. This resident doesn't have any family and the difference after Seb has paid him a visit is invaluable, which is why we owe so much to the young students who come as regularly as the students from Magdalen.*

Manager, St John's Care Home

## JAZZ EVENT FOR PARASOL PROJECT

MCS students provide an interactive and energetic jazz evening and barbeque for the Parasol Project, a charity working with young people at risk of social exclusion. The Parasol members join in with singing and dancing throughout the evening.



## ON CARE HOME PLACEMENTS:

*As always it is a pleasure to have the students from Magdalen College School and this year's volunteers have been exceptional.*

Manager, St John's Care Home

CSO  
activities take  
place at over 50 local  
community  
organisations

## LOCAL COMMUNITY

### CSO COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS: CARE HOME VISITS

Pupils build up a rapport with residents during regular care home visits - by talking, playing board games and assisting with everyday tasks.

### CSO COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS: AFTERNOON TEAS

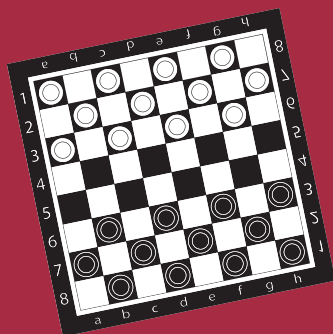
Students in the CSO host weekly afternoon teas at MCS for retired members of the local community living on their own.



#### ON HOSPICE PLACEMENT:

*A fantastic opportunity to contribute to an amazing cause.*

Sixth Form student



#### ON DEMENTIA WORKSHOPS:

*A valuable, rewarding and thoroughly enjoyable experience.*

Sixth Form student



### CSO COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS: DEMENTIA WORKSHOPS

Students devise activities for care home residents to stimulate brain activity and memory recall, including clay modelling, giant games and learning to use chopsticks.



### CSO COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS: SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

Students work one-to-one with a primary school pupil with additional needs such as autism or deafness.





## ON CSO CONCERT PARTY:

*Andrew and Tudor have shared their skills and enthusiasm for music and allowed children who otherwise would not have had the opportunity, to have a go at musical instruments. The children have loved this experience.*

Music Teacher, St Nicholas Primary School

Over 3000  
children from 40 local  
schools take part in Arts  
Festival activities

## THE ARTS

### CSO HOSPITAL SUPPORT

Sixth Form artists produced artwork designed for local hospital settings, aiming to reduce stress and provide visual stimulation for patients.

### CSO CONCERT PARTY

MCS Sixth Formers work with local pupils to develop vocal and listening skills, resulting in Sixth Form led concerts in schools and the community.

### AUTHOR EVENTS

In association with Blackwells, authors visit MCS with pupils from local primary schools attending.





#### ON THE ARTS FESTIVAL MULTILINGUAL CONCERT:

*The opportunity to work as a Partnership of local schools to learn and perform such an amazing musical was a great privilege for us. The children were fully engaged and excited from the start of rehearsals right through to the final performance. Overall a fantastic experience for everyone!*

Headteacher, local primary school

#### ON CSO HOSPITAL SUPPORT:

*We've had such a successful experience of working with MCS students over the years. This year's students have produced some wonderfully creative images for ceiling tiles in our Renal ward at the Churchill Hospital, with great thought for the patients who will view them. The new artwork will make a huge difference to patient experience within the ward.*

Ruth Charity, Art Coordinator, Oxford University Hospitals Trust



## ARTS FESTIVAL EVENTS

A year round programme of arts activities across Oxford to involve young people in creative activities, extend their cultural experience, broaden their horizons and develop their skills. Over 3000 pupils from 40 schools participated in numerous activities culminating at the Festival in 2017-18. A multilingual concert with 500 primary age children at The Sheldonian Theatre won the 'Excellence in Musical Culture' award from Oxfordshire County Music Service. Children at the John Radcliffe Hospital School created a series of podcasts on inspiring poems. Senior school students took part in a series of photography workshops leading to an exhibition in Frideswide Square and Cambridge Footlights held a workshop on character and comic narrative for local students.

## ON RUGBY TALENT DAY:

*Many thanks for running the rugby day for year 6 children yesterday. My son really enjoyed the activities, the lunch and everything about the day.*

Visiting parent 2018

The  
Sports department  
offers hockey coaching  
and camps to over  
150 children

## SPORT

### OUTREACH COACHING IN SCHOOLS AND CLUBS

MCS coaches contribute to coaching programmes, provide transport and referee matches at local schools.

### RUGBY TALENT DAY

A coaching day to encourage rugby talent with 6 local primary schools, encouraging teamwork and teaching match strategy.



#### ON HOCKEY TALENT DAY:

*Many thanks to you and your team yesterday, it was a great day. I was really pleased with the way the boys interacted with you and your team and the other students.*

Primary School Teacher 2018



## HOCKEY TALENT DAY

A coaching day in association with Oxford Hawks to encourage hockey talent and foster key skills and sportsmanship.



#### ON OUTREACH COACHING:

*The rapport they have built with students this year has culminated in many of the team wanting to take on rugby outside of school and has instilled values that they can now apply to the rest of their school careers. I will not hesitate in saying yes to hosting another cohort of student volunteers from Magdalen College School next year.*

Local primary school teacher

## GIFTED AND TALENTED SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY

A day of sporting activities for local state school pupils to help develop their skills and enthusiasm across a range of sports.





## ON OUTREACH COACHING:

*Once again it has been a delight having the students in with us this year and our students have taken a great deal from them.*

Assistant Head of PE, Cheney School

## SPORT

Over  
660 children  
benefit from sports  
outreach each year

### COUNTY CRICKET FESTIVAL

MCS hosts a festival for U15 county boys' teams in addition to hosting home games for the Oxfordshire team. An U10 tournament is hosted during the Arts Festival for 8 local cricket teams.



#### ON SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY:

*We all had a fantastic day on Friday and really enjoyed ourselves. We look forward to working with you again.*

St. Francis C of E Primary School

#### ON PRIMARY LIAISON DAY:

*A huge thank you for putting on the Sports Day on Thursday. The children who attended loved it and have a new love for tennis and rugby.*

Year 4 Teacher, Tyndale Community School



## TENNIS CAMPS

MCS hosts tennis camps outside of term time and LTA-sanctioned tournaments for local pupils plus coaching on Primary Liaison Day and tennis leader courses to enable pupils to gain a recognised LTA qualification.

## MCC CRICKET HUB

MCS hosts one of the MCC founding hubs, a nationwide project for U13-U15 players offering specialist facilities and high level coaching.



## ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS' MATHS CHALLENGE:

*It has encouraged the children to look differently at Maths and has been a good team building exercise.*

Langford Village School

MCS  
welcomes 100  
pupils for the Primary  
Maths Challenge  
each year

## STEM



### PRIMARY SCHOOLS' MATHS CHALLENGE

An annual event for primary school children, who take part in afternoons featuring Maths puzzles designed to stimulate problem solving and enjoyment of Maths.

### MATHS LECTURES

Visiting professors give lectures, which are opened up to students from other local schools.





ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS' MATHS CHALLENGE:

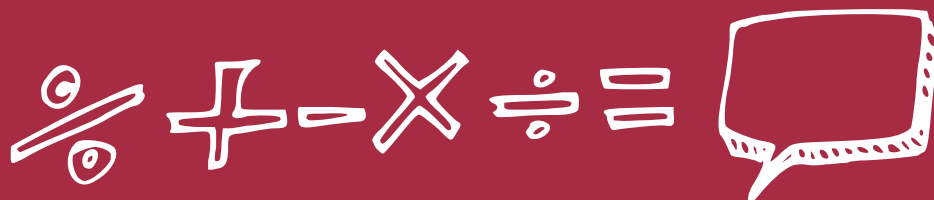
*Thank you so much for a fantastic afternoon for our children. They had a wonderful time as well as stretching their brains. Your students and staff were all very welcoming. We would love to come back if you'll have us!*

Teacher at local primary school

ON ADVANCED MATHS SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

*The Advanced Maths problem-solving workshop was very helpful and improved my Maths skills overall.*

Sixth Form student



## ADVANCED MATHS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

MCS staff support state school Sixth Formers with problem solving skills and exam revision in collaboration with MEI and the Further Maths Support Programme. Staff worked with over 100 pupils in 2017-18.



## ON OXBRIDGE PREPARATION:

*I really appreciate not only the sheets, but also the support for STEP. It's a massive help.*

Sixth Form student

One-to-one Maths  
mentoring for 200  
primary school pupils

## STEM

### MATHS MENTORING

One-to-one mentoring provided by Sixth Formers to 200 primary school children in local primary schools to improve problem-solving skills and build confidence. One-to-one sessions are also offered to students at further education colleges to help improve their performance at GCSE.

### OXBRIDGE PREPARATION

The MCS Maths department staff also conduct mock interviews for Oxfordshire State school students for Maths, Computer Science and Engineering. Maths preparation worksheets are issued and feedback given over the six weeks of summer.



#### ON ADVANCED MATHS SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

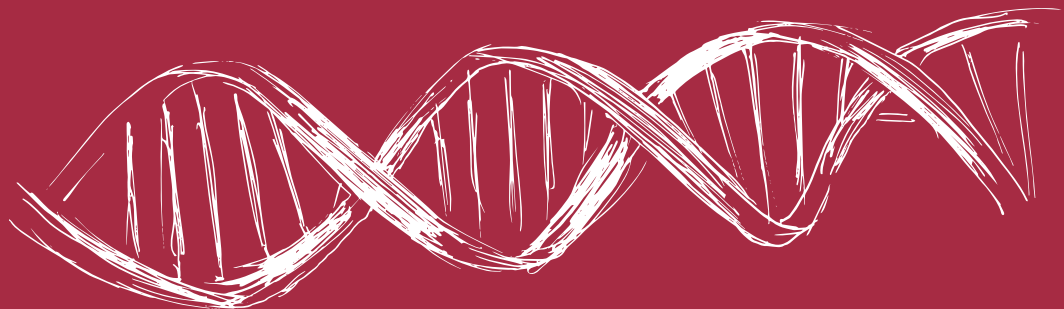
*Thank you for doing so much to encourage our Mathematicians - I say this not least as a parent - my daughter is coming to your STEP / MAT classes and the Problem Solving workshops at the Mathematical Institute - she couldn't have better opportunities in her year of applying to do Maths at university.*

UCAS and Higher Attainment Coordinator, Cheney School

#### ON MEDICS AND ENGINEERING CONFERENCE:

*An extremely interesting and helpful event for our students. They came away saying just how much they had learnt and how useful the different perspectives were. Dr Jayamohan's talk was a highlight for me – absolutely superb.*

Director of University Access, Brompton Manor Academy



## MEDICS AND ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

MCS hosts a one-day conference, with professionals from the fields of Medicine and Engineering meeting students to discuss career options and routes into the professions.





## ON READATHON:

*Children enjoy this opportunity and it raises their engagement and love of reading.*

Literacy Lead at local primary school

600 Oxfordshire  
pupils take part in the  
MCS-run 'Readathon'  
every year

# LITERACY & LANGUAGE

## PRIMARY LANGUAGE CLUBS

MCS Sixth Formers run over 160 sessions of Latin, French and Spanish with more than 200 children in local state primary schools. The pupils receive coaching and mentoring in a number of areas from MCS Sixth Formers. This helps to improve comprehension skills outside the curriculum.



## CLASSICS TEACHING

MCS runs 35 sessions per year teaching A Level Classics to secondary school students. MCS staff also teach at a language school giving primary school pupils an introduction to Ancient Greek.

## READATHON

Primary school children take part in paired readathons with MCS pupils. This inspires a love of reading and an enjoyment of learning.



#### ON CLASSICS TEACHING:

*Tom has been a dedicated and inspiring teacher for our community A level Latin group over the last three years to develop their understanding and appreciation of Latin language and literature.*

*We had our first ever classics summer school delivering Ancient Greek to pupils aged 7 - 10. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed his sessions and went home feeling inspired and excited by this ancient language.*

Teacher at local state secondary school

#### ON READATHON:

*The MCS students worked with enthusiasm and kindness, and our 5-7 year-olds were absolutely rapt for the whole morning.*

*One child, who was not confident at the time to speak to adults in school, chattered away to the students leading her group, and had a fabulous morning. The whole experience is a real treat for us all - wish we could do it more often!*

Literacy Lead at local primary school



## AUTHOR EVENTS

Over 300 children come to MCS for author visits, fostering a love of reading and giving access to published authors.

## HOSTING LANGUAGE PLAYS

MCS hosts a German and a French play for language students from local schools providing exposure to 'real' language.

## READING SUPPORT

MCS Sixth Formers provide reading support at local primary schools throughout the year.



## ON WAYNFLETE STUDIES:

*The association (with MCS) has allowed us to increase the retention of our brightest which is helping shape our Sixth Form in a positive way. The scholarship is helping spread a love of learning beyond national examinations.*

Head of state secondary school

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Over  
250 children take  
part in the MCS  
Primary Liaison Day

### GIFTED & TALENTED SUMMER SCHOOL

MCS staff and Sixth Formers run a 4 day course for 30 children from local primary schools, extending their knowledge beyond the curriculum and exposing them to new areas of study. Over 250 children have taken part since it began.

### MODEL UN

A student-led simulation of the work of the United Nations, which debates on a range of current international issues. Over 100 pupils from 25 schools take part over the two days to hone their competitive debating skills.

### VISITING LECTURE PROGRAMME

Over 50 local state school pupils join MCS to hear expert speakers, extending their knowledge beyond the curriculum.





#### ON DEBATING MATTERS:

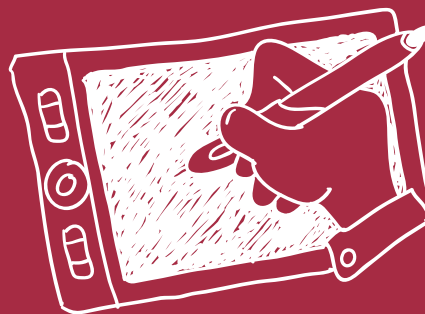
*We were delighted that Magdalen College School offered to host our Debating Matters Oxford Championship. All MCS staff and students made sure that the competing schools and invited judges were made to feel incredibly welcome and that the day was jam-packed with fascinating debate and discussion. Hosting initiatives such as Debating Matters highlights MCS as a beacon for aspirational education and the open exchange of ideas for Oxford and the surrounding area.*

The Academy of Ideas

#### ON DEBATING MATTERS:

*Debating Matters encourages intelligent, civil, informed discussion of contentious issues. The quality of debate was very high, helped greatly by the excellent background materials on the website.*

Debating Matters Judge



## DEBATING MATTERS

MCS hosts the regional round of a major national debating competition, giving help and support to 12 schools taking part.

## WAYNFLETE STUDIES PROGRAMME

State school pupils take part in this extended project programme with support from MCS staff and external Oxford University professors.

## PRIMARY LIAISON DAY

Over 250 children attend sessions in languages, science, sport and music, giving them opportunities beyond the curriculum.



## ON LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUBS:

*They show genuine patience, compassion and care about the budding chess enthusiasts they work with and take instruction and feedback from MCS school leaders on how to improve further. It is very positive to have Chess as one of the options for children to choose as an after school club.* Literacy and Ethos Lead, Tyndale Community School

MCS  
Sixth Formers run  
school clubs for over  
480 pupils each year

## LOCAL EDUCATION

### TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

Local Maths teachers take part in a team challenge with opportunities to network and receive ongoing professional development with the Further Maths Support Programme. MCS also offers placements for trainee teachers in various subjects.

### OXFORD GERMAN NETWORK

An Oxford University initiative, which supports German in all schools in Oxfordshire, offering reading groups, competitions and university entrance advice. MCS staff provide administrative support and resources for the OGN website, offering materials for class teaching.



#### ON RUNNING A CLUB:

*I really enjoy teaching these children (who are very keen to learn!) and seeing them progress with their knowledge.*

MCS Sixth Form student

#### ON LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUBS:

*As ever we enjoy having clear connections with MCS and are happy to keep these links going into next year. In my experience, I have found the students diligent and courteous at all times. I am always impressed that tutors follow up well and ensure that the students and school gain the maximum from our association.*

Head, St Andrews Primary School School



## CHESS CLUBS

MCS Sixth Formers run weekly chess clubs in local primary schools to develop logic and strategy skills.



## FILM CLUBS

Sixth Form pupils run weekly film clubs in local secondary schools to stimulate creativity and encourage artistic endeavours outside the classroom.





## ON DEGREE COURSE CONFERENCE:

*Archie was particularly enthused by the evening. He has been struggling badly at school recently (worrying about what life is all about etc) but was really excited / enthused last night to hear about the many opportunities awaiting him. So we are particularly grateful to you.*

Parent 2018

Over  
60 state school  
university applicants are  
supported each year

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### OPEN DAY FOR ASPIRING MEDICS

An annual event for MCS pupils and students from 10 local state secondary schools. Doctors and expert medical practitioners offer insights into medical careers and advice on making successful medical applications with multiple mini interviews. Preparation for writing personal statements is included, with specialist personal statement mentors assigned to each student.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

Pupils from MCS and a local state secondary school take part in a year long programme to learn about commerce, create a business concept, write a business plan and present this to a panel to win funds to set up their own enterprise. There is a strong charity element and mentoring from MCS staff and university professors.

### PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COURSES CONFERENCE

Experts from the fields of Law, Engineering, Computing, Psychology and Architecture provide careers and higher education guidance to MCS pupils and over 50 pupils from local state schools.



#### ON WAYNFLETE STUDIES:

*Those students who have experienced the scholarship gain skills that mean they are better equipped to make informed decisions about their next steps, better equipped to write meaningful, passionate and articulate personal statements and better equipped to be successful in applications to Oxbridge and Russell group universities. In essence the scholarship has allowed them to realise they can and should aim higher...this, I am sure, will have a knock-on effect and send a more go-getting ripple through all of our Sixth Form. The scholarship is having a direct positive impact on the futures of all these pupils.*

MCS Brackley, a state secondary school

#### ON OPEN DAY FOR ASPIRING MEDICS:

*The MMI practice session and lectures from medical students and doctors that you ran was brilliant. It gave me a much better idea of what an MMI would be like, and getting feedback from teachers in small groups was very helpful. The other Cheney students who attended these talks were also successful in their applications, which is wonderful.*

Aspiring Medic 2018



## WEEKLY MEDICAL SEMINARS

Visiting medics provide an introduction to Medicine and related disciplines. They give further information on choosing a medical school, training, medical ethics, the NHS and work experience and voluntary work. Sessions are shared with aspiring medics from local schools.



## UNIVERSITY INTERVIEW PRACTICE

Over 60 state school university applicants receive preparatory coaching and interview practice from MCS staff and local experts.



## ON OXFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

*It is great to hear you are looking to reach such a great amount which will make a real difference to the Children's Hospital!*

Community Fundraising Manager at Oxford Children's Hospital

Individual  
endeavours and  
whole school campaigns  
raised over £20,000  
for charity in 2018

# CHARITY FUNDRAISING

## INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING

This year individual students and staff have put on a range of different events for charity including a concert of Marian music in Magdalen Chapel, a 790km cycle of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route, a unicycle of over 100 miles of Hadrian's wall, a 140km endurance event in Montana and a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.





#### ON RESTORE (MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY):

*On behalf of Restore, I would like to thank you for the generous gift that we received. Your donation will help us provide one-to-one support so people like Heather can get back into work, and realise their full potential.*

Community Fundraiser at Restore

#### ON INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING:

*Thanks to your support we are able to raise awareness and funds in aid of those who have so little (Dar Mariam, a school for South Sudanese refugees in Khartoum).*

Omar, Charity Prefect 2018



**restore**  
working for mental health

## NOMINATED CHARITIES

Each year the whole school community votes to select one local and one international charity to support for the year ahead. Each year group undertakes activities to raise funds. Pupils of all ages have been involved in organising and running fundraising activities, with quiz nights, Easter egg hunts, skipping competitions, and whole-year bake-offs just some of the student-driven events on offer. Not only have these developed entrepreneurial skills, but they have also been crucial in raising awareness and increasing engagement with these important issues in the community.

Over £15,000 was raised over the year for charities including Mary's Meals, Oxford Children's Hospital and Restore.





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