

Enriching the Present, Enhancing the Future



St. Columba's College

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



The Warden's Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the St. Columba's College Development Office, which was established in early 2017 to support our engagement with the St. Columba's community including Old Columbans, parents, past parents, pupils, staff and our wider circle of friends.

St. Columba's has a long and proud tradition of philanthropic support, dating as far back as its establishment in the 1840s, when a group led by Reverend William Sewell established the College. Over the years, projects have included the development of the new Library (1994), the Grange Building (2004, housing over 100 boarders, as well as classrooms and house staff accommodation), the refurbishment of the 19th century Argyle buildings (2006), and the re-development of the old Cadogan Building (2008) as the new music centre.

This is an exciting time for the College and as part of our 175th Anniversary celebrations we are delighted to launch the development of a new state-of-the-art building, *The College Hub*, which will provide a social and cultural centre at the heart of College life. Plans are also in place to develop a new Boarding House and these two ambitious projects will require significant support from the St. Columba's Community.

St. Columba's College is a unique place and I feel privileged to be leading it into the next phase of its distinguished history. We can look back at our heritage with pride and look forward to the future with great purpose.

With the support of the Development team, I look forward to building long-term relationships with our wide circle of friends. Your philanthropic support is crucial to enriching College life today and enhancing the experience of pupils long into the future.

I thank you for your continued interest and support and look forward to sharing our plans and progress with you over the months and years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Boobyer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mark Boobyer
Warden



The Development Office was established in 2017 and is responsible for building and sustaining relationships with all our supporters and friends. We achieve this through engaging our community in impactful philanthropic programmes focused on transforming College life both now and in the future. This includes:

- Supporting the College's long-term development by engaging alumni, parents and friends in support of the College's capital developments, College bursaries and special projects.
- Managing and promoting the Old Columban Society Bursary Fund, which provides grants to children and grandchildren of Old Columbans, who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend the College.



Ways to Support



There are many ways in which you can support the College:

175th Anniversary Development Appeal

Since the 1840s, St. Columba's College has been dedicated to providing the finest all-round education, sporting and cultural facilities for our pupils. 2018 marks our 175th anniversary and sees the development of a College Hub, a social and cultural centre at the heart of the campus. Future plans also include the building of a new Boarding House.

These capital developments, focused on transforming College life, will require significant philanthropic support. In donating to this Appeal be assured that you will be participating in a venture which will contribute to the education and development of our pupils but also to supporting the wider Columban community.

Further details about the College's capital developments, timelines and costs are available from the Development Office.



“The academic and sporting curriculum, coupled with the broad range of nationalities and cultures that St. Columba's boasts, is second to none.”

Colin Peirce OC'98
Consultant General and Surgeon



Contribute to the College Bursary Fund

True to the spirit of St. Columba's, our mission is to support young people who would like to attend the College but whose families are facing economic difficulties.

The College Bursary Fund offers support to pupils by providing a grant towards their attendance at the College. The College bursaries are awarded based on a number of criteria, including lack of financial means. In contrast with the OCS Bursary Fund, these awards are open to those who have no previous connection to the College.

All donations to this Fund, irrespective of size, are very gratefully received.

Gifts over €21 or per month or €250 per year allow the College to claim an additional tax relief on this contribution amplifying the impact of your gift.

“ St. Columba's is like a home to me and the people here are like my family.”

Harry, Boarder, Form II

Join the St. Columba's College Annual Fund

This Fund encourages supporters to donate to an unrestricted fund that affords the College discretion over how the donations are spent, allowing for immediate impact.

St. Columba's College appreciates gifts* in the form of monthly, quarterly or annual commitments. Multi-annual pledges enable the College to plan ahead.

All supporters of the Fund will be kept up to date on the College's progress and successes each year.

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“ The well-rounded education I received at St. Columba's was highly beneficial to my academic, spiritual and cultural development.”

Justin Green OC'87

Hotelier, Distiller, Big House Consultancy

The Old Columban Society Bursary Fund

In addition to College Bursaries, the Old Columban Society established the OCS Bursary Fund in 2011 which specifically supports the children and grandchildren of Old Columbans (OCs).

For many and varying reasons, a number of OCs and their families have been unable to meet the full cost of College fees. The main purpose of the Fund is to offer financial assistance to these individuals. The Funds donated go directly to assisting in paying the College fees rather than paying the entire fee.

To maintain and nurture this Fund, the OCS encourages its members to commit to a suggested amount of €21* per month or €250 per year, or whatever they may be willing to donate.

Promotion of and donations to the OCS Bursary Fund are managed through the Development Office.

The College and the Old Columban Society are most grateful for support to the Bursary Fund and wish to extend our thanks to all who have enabled our bursary pupils to flourish in the environment of St. Columba's and on into their futures.



A Lasting Legacy

Including a gift in your will to St. Columba's College, as a lasting legacy, will enhance the future of St. Columba's for generations to come. Legacies allow the College to enrich and nurture the talent of pupils and preserve our core values into the future.

All legacy gifts, irrespective of size, are held in highest regard. Legacies enable St. Columba's to continue a spirit of philanthropy that goes back to the Foundation of the College in 1843.

“ The OCS Bursary Fund supported my family in our time in need for which I am hugely grateful. I now in turn am supporting the Fund.”

OCS Bursary Fund Recipient, OC '15

The College thanks you for your interest and support

“St. Columba’s taught me that asking the proper questions can be more important than knowing all the answers.”

Tanit Koch OC’95
Newspaper Editor-in-Chief

Get in Touch

If you wish to learn more about any of our activities, have thoughts you would like to share with us, or would like to have a discreet and confidential discussion on ways you can support the College, please contact our Development Manager, Sonia Young by phone on +353-1-4956919 or email development@stcolumbas.ie

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