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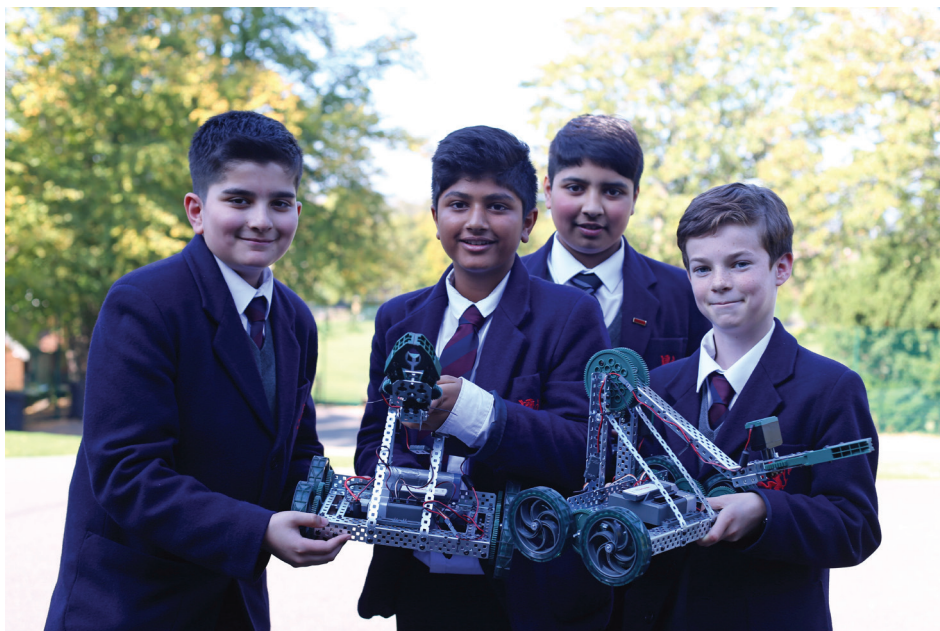
The tradition of leaving wealth to the School started with the generosity and foresight of founder John Lyon, 1534-1592, who paved the way for a tradition of giving, which continues today!

Peter R. G. Watson (OL 1951) who died recently, was known at School for being a very kind and soft person. He was an important member of the Athletics team, running in different cross country events. He has generously gifted a substantial part of his estate to John Lyon in his will.

We are so **thankful for this legacy gift** which will make a huge difference to our goal of providing transformational opportunities for current and future pupils.

Robots are Coming

The 1876 Fund has provided the opportunity to **teach Robotics at John Lyon** by purchasing 10 Vex Robots for the School. Robotics will be incorporated into the STEAM curriculum from January and give the opportunity for every Year 8 pupil to learn the increasingly required skill of building and coding robots.



Year 8 pupils: Tanvir Handa, Prem Kumar, Amir Hussain, Alexander Rothwell

Pupils will have access to software that enables them to code robots and simulate their movements in a computer virtual world. Pupils will then have the opportunity to build robots and adapt them for different uses. The boys will learn how to control the robots with a joystick as well as through a computer code. The robots will also be used for other year groups to set up a

Robotics extra-curricular activity allowing those interested to further develop their coding skills.

"I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to introduce robotics as part of the STEAM course I teach. Designing, building and programming robots in teams will teach boys skills that cannot be developed in an old fashioned classroom setting."

Dr Florence Weinberg

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Performing with the National Theatre

The 1876 Fund has made it possible to submit an application to participate in this year's **National Theatre Connections Scheme**. Auditions are taking place in School across years 10 to U6. This is an incredible opportunity for those passionate for the Arts to perform at one of the national theatre venues! We look forward to seeing rehearsals in full swing. Please save the date for the final performance on March 29th 2019.

Uniform Donations

If you are able to donate any uniform towards the second hand uniform sale, please bring these along to the School Office or Le Beau House. This summer we managed to raise £804 which will go towards the 1876 Fund supporting exciting projects beyond the curriculum. If you would like to offer your help with organising the sale please get in touch with the Development Office.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS FOR YOUR GENEROUS
AND CONTINUOUS CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE ENABLED
THE SCHOOL TO IMMEDIATELY IMPACT AND ENRICH THE
EXPERIENCES OF PUPILS.

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND BY
GIVING IN NUMBERS WE CAN MAKE AN EVEN
BIGGER DIFFERENCE.

Creative Writing Workshop

The 1876 Fund supported the English department to invite Matt Dickinson, Everest Summiteer and author of the Mortal Chaos and Everest Files Teen fiction trilogies, for a unique **creative writing workshop** with Year 10 pupils. Various techniques were explored during the session in particular bringing personal experiences into the writing and using senses to engage with readers.

"Through this workshop I was able to channel my inner writer and explore my creativity in a way that I hadn't done before."

Yusuf Shaikh, Year 10 pupil

For more information on **how you can support John Lyon** please contact the Development Office:



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