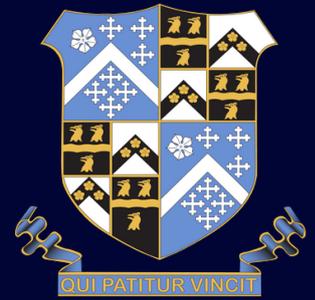


# THE LATYMER FOUNDATION AT EDMONTON



# IMPACT REPORT 2025



# THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**JAMIE BOLDEN**

Chair of the Foundation  
Class of 1999

The Latymer Foundation at Edmonton is the charitable giving arm of the school and, as a registered charity, we raise much needed funds to enable the school to continue to deliver high-quality education to students like your children.

As the Chair, Jamie Bolden, explains “The Latymer School could not be the top co-educational state secondary school in London and one of the highest performing in the country without its hardworking staff, dedicated facilities and resources, and the amazing extra-curricular activities on offer to broaden students’ minds and help them grow into considerate and responsible young adults.

Despite the economic challenges of the last few years, and the fact that the funding the school receives has not kept pace with the increasing costs it faces, the Foundation is hugely grateful to all its donors for helping make a real impact on the school. Together we are continuing to build on Edward Latymer’s legacy of giving and excellence.”

As Mr Gilford, Headteacher, comments “The Latymer Foundation is integral to the success of The Latymer School. Through their generous financial support, the school is able to provide opportunities which go far above and beyond the norm for a school.

Obviously, the extension of our school library is evidence of this, however, it is many of the small contributions the Foundation makes which are equally important. Whether this be one-off purchases, such as a 3D printer for Design & Technology, or financial support to open up access for our students, or prizes to help celebrate student achievement, they all support us in our aim to develop confident and considerate young learners ready and prepared for the future. The regular giving from parents/carers and alumni, as well as one-off donations throughout the year, are invaluable and I thank them and the Foundation for their continued commitment to Latymer.”

**After celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024, the Latymer Foundation at Edmonton carried on its essential work in 2025. Thanks to the amazing support from alumni, current and former parents and other friends, we were able to support many fantastic projects, some of which are detailed in the following pages.**



THE LATYMER SCHOOL STONE  
This stone, bearing the Latymer Arms, was originally incorporated in the old school building erected in Church Street.

# A TRADITION OF GIVING SINCE 1624

It all started with Edward Latymer's bequest in 1624 to annually provide "eight poore boies" from Edmonton with a doublet, a pair of breeches, a shirt, a pair of woollen stockings and shoes. In return for being educated to the age of 13 at a "petty school", the boys had to wear the red Latymer cross on their sleeves.

In 1662 John Wild of Edmonton made a bequest including £4 per annum for the maintenance of a schoolmaster and a similar sum to maintain a scholar at Cambridge. In 1679 Thomas Style of Edmonton left a legacy of £20 per annum for teaching "20 poor boys Grammar and Latin tongue". In 1811, Ann Wyatt left £500, 5% Navy Annuities, to build a new school and £100 in the same securities for its maintenance.

In 1966 the Foundation purchased Cwm-Penmachno in Wales. This former school was turned into an outdoor pursuit's centre and remains one of the highlights for Year 7 students! In the late 1990s, we supported the establishment of a fundraising office to help tackle general overcrowding and inadequate facilities. Over £1 million was raised to enable the construction and opening of the performing arts centre, The Mills Building, in 2000. Our Sports and Dining Hall Complex was completed in 2006 and the Seward Studio in 2010. In more recent times, the Foundation financed the complete overhaul of the school's heating and electrical system, providing a more comfortable environment to everyone. Finally, in 2023, we launched our library extension project in time to mark our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Over the last 20 years, the Standards Fund, which many parents donate to, has been helping bridge the budget deficit and ensure that the school can maintain its high-quality educational standards.

**Every donation - past, present and future - has a tangible impact and helps make Latymer the special place that it is.**

# LIBRARY EXTENSION

The Foundation secured multi-million-pound funding to build a huge extension to the existing Ashworth Library. By quadrupling the size of the current space, your child will benefit from a fantastic place to study, learn and work with others. This capital project has been a huge undertaking for both the school and the Foundation, and we are looking forward to celebrating the extension's opening in 2026.

The Latymer community donated over £18k to the *40 for 400 appeal* launched in December 2024. This has enabled the purchase of new computers for students and staff, which will be used in the new library as soon as it opens.

*Right: Illustration of the future space.*

*Below: construction site, early 2026.*

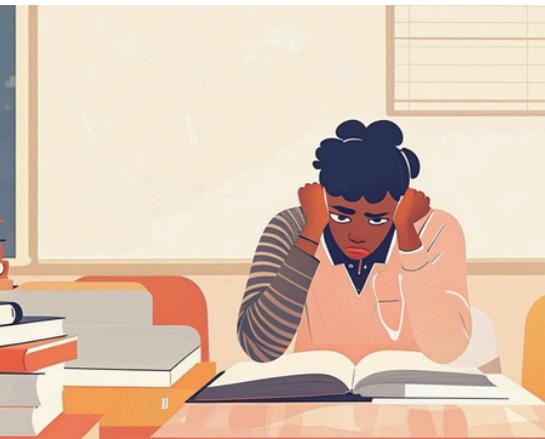


## LAPTOP TROLLEY

This trolley enables 32 laptops to be kept charged and available at a moment's notice for any lesson. It maximises time spent learning in the classroom, and gives teachers another tool at their disposal.



## COUNSELLING AND MENTAL HEALTH



Parental donations are enabling the school to have a full-time counselling service on site, which is such a rare thing in state schools. In the 2024-25 academic year, 571 sessions were provided to 56 students.

Our trained counsellors, Alon and Camille, tell us more about their work: “At a time when young people's mental health services are more stretched than ever, our counselling service provides an essential space for students. Using both arts and talking therapies, we are able to work with all year groups. Adolescence can be a very challenging time, not only for young people but also for their families and having access to therapists can be invaluable.

Students and their families report feeling listened to, understood, and supported, describing the therapy space as one where they can express themselves openly and begin to make sense of the challenges they're facing. Many say it helps them better understand what's going on in their lives and feel more equipped to manage difficulties. As qualified therapists, we are able to offer therapeutic support that goes beyond traditional school counselling. Working closely with families allows us to provide wrap-around care, ensuring that the right support is in place both in and out of school. Every child and family are different, and we work to respond to individual needs. This holistic approach is a key part of what makes our mental health provision at Latymer so effective and so essential.”

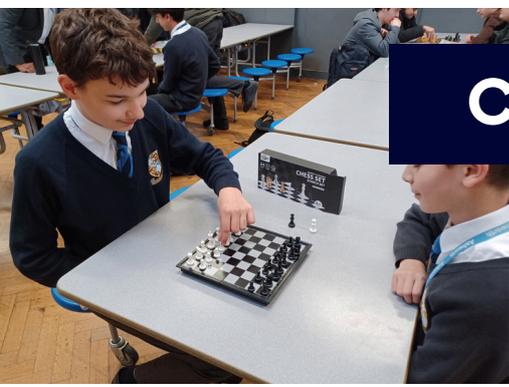
## SCIENCE FAIR

Another highlight of the year is the much-anticipated Year 8 Science Fair, entirely funded by the Foundation. Over an eight-week period, all 192 students complete a project. Students work hard researching, testing and recording results of different hypotheses.

The projects cover Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Some make models or bake. Others carry out experiments in their lunchtimes, or ask friends and family to be test subjects. But all persevere when things don't go as planned, adapting their method when needed.



# CHESS SETS



At least 30 students attend Chess club weekly. We have been able to form Latymer teams A and B, who represent the school in numerous tournaments including at Eton, Harrow and locally. The Latymer A team has also qualified for the English Secondary School Chess Championship finals in Nottingham for the past few years.

There are so many keen Year 7 Chess players, we should end up with even stronger teams in the coming years! It was therefore wonderful to buy 10 new chess sets to help the club develop further.

# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Thanks to the Foundation, the Design & Technology Department has top-of-the-range 3D printers, including a multi-material, multi-coloured printer which allows students to print material the strength of metal five times quicker than a normal printer. Commonly used by large companies to prototype parts, our 3D printers are used both in lessons and during extra-curricular activities.

Shaan and Kian, Year 12 students, were extremely proud to share that the Latymer School has better equipment and machines than most schools in the country as well as most Russell Group universities! “The carbon fibre reinforced plastic for metallic strength parts accelerates students’ projects to the next level. We truly have access to cutting edge materials.”

By funding science enrichment, the Foundation enables the school to lead the way, in turn providing much hands-on experience for students (who can capitalise on it in their UCAS applications) and enabling students to be ahead of their peers once they join university. Every student gets a chance to do robotics and use 3D printers from Year 7 onwards. So funding helps every single student.

Funding also covers the materials used by the Battlebots Society, a weekly club for Years 10-13 students. They are given access to better quality material, better powering and more efficient tools (see picture on the right). The club has four teams of three, each team building 150g robots over six months until the tournament takes place in the summer.



# ROOF WORK

Throughout 2025, we provided over £35k to complete the funding required for work on sections of the roofs, namely above the Sixth Form area and on other flat roofs throughout the school. This is part of the ongoing work needed to maintain the buildings, representing over 13,000 square meters internally and with many sections of the main block being original from 1910 when the school moved to its current site.



# ANNUAL AWARDS



The Latymer School's Annual Awards tradition is a much-loved celebration to recognise outstanding achievements and the positive attitudes that define the Latymerian spirit. Each year, students are honoured not only for academic excellence, artistic talent, and athletic performance, but also for qualities such as kindness and leadership.

We believe that success is measured as much by character as by accomplishment, creating an atmosphere of pride and inspiration. In 2025, the Foundation funded 110 awards to current students and leavers, providing £30 vouchers to each winner.

## MAJOR IT OVERHAUL

We invested £250k across 2025-2026 in big IT projects to update servers, the wireless system and computers. We funded the complete replacement of the old wireless system, migrating to a new wireless network as part of the school's infrastructure upgrade. This provided faster operating speed, improved reliability, and enhanced security, ensuring a better experience for all users.

Until last summer, all school computers ran on the Windows 10 operating system, but as Microsoft ended support to that version of Windows in October 2025, all existing devices needed to be upgraded to Windows 11. That meant 206 devices were not compatible due to their age and specifications and needed replacing. That impacted many departments, such as Science, Art, Design & Technology, Media and Computer Science. The Foundation decided to fund this project as computers are essential in secondary schools, providing valuable skills for future careers, enhancing learning in various subjects and preparing students for the digital world.



## ALUMNI NETWORK



In 2023, the school relaunched its alumni network, Latymer Links, as an online community. We aim to create a global community of engagement, lifelong value and support to serve the diverse and evolving needs of each member. For the Latymer School, it is crucial to maintain a good relationship with former students to bring the Latymer community together, boost the employability of students and provide an opportunity to give back. Free to all former Latymerians, Latymer Links fosters a lifetime spirit of belonging and pride.

We are thrilled to see the engagement of former students in the school life increase year on year. It is really inspiring to see so many alumni getting involved in careers events, seminars, university mock interviews and much more! This couldn't be possible without the Foundation which pays most of the costs related to the alumni relations team and activities.

**LATYMER  
LINKS**  
*Always a Latymerian*

# CURRENT WINTER APPEAL

*Help us reach our target!*

Our latest appeal aims to raise much-needed funds to replace some ageing smartboards as these are a vital tool for delivering interactive and engaging lessons. Modern smartboards enable teachers to integrate multimedia resources, including videos and live web content, helping students to better understand complex ideas. Smartboards also encourage collaborative learning, allowing students to work together directly on the screen and develop valuable communication and teamwork skills.

By enhancing participation and engagement, these resources help prepare students for an increasingly technology-driven world.

**A generous former Latymerian stepped up and matched every donation made so far, enabling the appeal to reach over £21,000.**

**Thank you so much to the parents and alumni who have already donated.**

**You can still donate online at [Winter appeal 2025](#).**

**Any donation will help us get closer to our target of £31,500 to replace 15 smartboards.**

## REGULAR GIVING



**Supporting the Foundation is about the spirit of participation and generosity** - this is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved and support your school, at whatever level you can afford.

The support of parents/carers on an ongoing basis enable us to plan ahead and to be able to step in when the school needs it. The impact of your regular giving is reflected in many of the examples in this report.

**No matter what year your child is in, please do sign up for regular giving today if you can.**

Every contribution, no matter what the amount, helps to deliver the very best standards of education to all our students. Every new monthly standing order really makes a difference.

**The easiest way to set up a regular donation is via online banking.**

Our bank details are:

The Latymer Foundation at Edmonton

Account no. 00006418

Sort code 40-52-40

To find out more about the Foundation and different ways to support (e.g. payroll giving), please visit [www.latymer.co.uk/support-us/latymer-foundation](http://www.latymer.co.uk/support-us/latymer-foundation) or contact Beatrice Cami.

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# *Qui Patitur Vincit*

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