



**Bloxham School**

*Change Lives...*  
with Bloxham Bursaries



“I love to see young people get a glimpse of what they might become through successes that they didn’t think were possible.”

Paul Sanderson, Headmaster

# Access to Bloxham changes lives



**Bloxham School is an exceptional place – a great school that exists within a very special community. So much has been achieved since the School was founded by Philip Egerton in 1860 and, as we look forward, we are determined to keep honouring Egerton’s vision,**

**that Bloxham should be a school for families from all backgrounds – with financial support available to help those who need it.**

Assisted places, scholarships, bursaries and hardship support are all in Bloxham’s DNA. Financial assistance has always been available to those who would benefit from being at Bloxham but cannot afford full fees.

At the current time about 20% of our pupils receive some form of means-tested support. This includes a small number of transformational bursaries which typically enable pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to board at Bloxham and benefit from both the education and also the stability that the School offers. We also have pupils on bursaries that provide between 10% and 50% fee remission, enabling more local

families to become part of Bloxham. In addition, we have bursaries for Sixth Form pupils - often from local state schools who come to us for A Levels before stepping out into the world.

Bursaries of all sizes have a transformational effect on the recipients. Their benefit lasts a lifetime and goes far beyond that one person – having an impact on immediate families and the wider school community. Perhaps you were a beneficiary, or saw the impact that financial support had on a friend, and have experienced first-hand the effect that it had. A Bloxham education is about more than exam results – it provides life skills, support, emotional intelligence, and wellbeing and sets our pupils up for success, however they define it.

A donation to our bursary fund, The Raymond Fund, provides a gift of a Bloxham education and when our pupils go back through the Memorial Arch, out into the world, we can be assured that they will have been given the best preparation to make their world a better place.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Sanderson'.

**Paul Sanderson  
Headmaster**

# The vital importance of bursaries



“I loved my time at Bloxham and took advantage of all the opportunities it had to offer. Bloxham is a tight-knit community and provided me with a context that was very

different from my home life. My upbringing was very results-driven whereas Bloxham nurtured everything and made me feel valued for other things as well. The School provided me with the opportunity to explore other opportunities, to travel, to be part of a team and to excel, as well as exposing me to a very different culture.

Being at Bloxham, opened the door to a world of new opportunities, helped me to grow as an individual and gave me access to a network for life.”

Muqaddas Ahmed (Mn 19-21),  
Raymond Scholar



“I received the scholarship for my Sixth Form at Bloxham. It was at the time of the recession which hit my parents pretty hard. To be told that you were going to have to leave your

friends and everything that you know and go somewhere different was very hard. I was really happy at school and had everything I wanted with all my closest friends and some great opportunities and experiences. I was devastated that I was going to have to leave.

But then I was offered a Raymond Scholarship which was a massive thing for me. Looking back on it, I'll always be grateful to the School for the award. I gained a huge amount from those final two years which set me up very well for university and beyond. I definitely realised the impact of it at the time.”

Louis Harris (LS/Sy 04-11),  
Raymond Scholar

# Finding and supporting our bursary pupils

Our bursary pupils come from a wide range of backgrounds and situations. Some already know about Bloxham and the opportunities it provides, others are found through our community and national partnerships and outreach activities.

Like many independent schools, Bloxham partners with Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation (RNCSF), the UK's largest bursary charity. RNCSF helps disadvantaged and vulnerable children from across the UK access fully funded bursaries at leading schools. RNCSF work with community groups, local authorities and referring schools to identify children for whom a boarding or independent day school might provide the environment they most need, and with children and their parents or carers to explore which school might suit them best.

All bursary applications are reviewed carefully and equitably by our selection team with rigorous checks undertaken with regard to family finances. Careful consideration is also given to the applicant's academic and extra-curricular records along with their potential. Bursaries are awarded to applicants who will bring valuable perspective to the school community as well as benefitting from all that Bloxham has to offer.

Once at the School, all bursary pupils and their families receive ongoing support to ensure their time at Bloxham is enjoyable and their potential is being achieved.





# The Raymond Scholar Programme

Raymond Scholarships are, like other Bloxham Scholarships, offered to pupils who show talent or potential in a particular field or all-round ability and/or qualities of leadership. Unlike other scholarships, they are means-tested awards, typically where significant financial assistance is required to access the opportunity. Awards are generally offered as part of the admissions process and are at the discretion of the Headmaster and the Bursar.

**Within the School community, being awarded a Raymond Scholarship is regarded as a significant accolade which recognises both ability and potential.**

With it comes a level of expectation that Raymond Scholars will serve as the highest example of all that is good about a Bloxham education, being active in the school community and acting as ambassadors for the School.

The number of awards varies according to the amount of funding available each year. On average, there are between 10 – 15 Raymond Scholars throughout the School.



Roger Raymond attended Bloxham School between 1920-28 and was an outstanding sportsman of his generation. He set many athletic records and won full colours in four different sports. He was a member of the school choir and sergeant in the OTC, rising to be both Head of Crake House and Captain of School. His record of achievement was to continue in the business world where he enjoyed spectacular success and became known as an innovator in the field of housing development. Despite all his subsequent success he never forgot his Bloxham days and continued to be involved in the life of the School serving as Chairman of the Old Bloxhamist Society and as a member of the School Council for 31 years. He became Bloxham's greatest benefactor, contributing to capital projects such as Raymond House, Raymond Field and the first Raymond Technology Centre. Through his Trust, established in 1971, under the guidance of his Old Bloxhamist brother Peter, many further projects, including the Raymond Scholar programme, have received major support. Is no exaggeration to say that every day all Bloxham pupils derive some benefit from the legacy of this grateful Old Bloxhamist.

# Funding bursaries

Funding for means-tested support comes from donations, legacy gifts, our partner charities and from the School's own reserves. We are immensely grateful to all who have generously donated to our bursary and hardship funds. The majority of funding comes from the School, but to address increased demand at a time of significant financial pressure, we now seek additional funds from those individuals and organisations who are in a position to support us.

**Our goal is to ensure that bursary provision of all forms remains available so that pupils from all backgrounds can benefit from what we offer and go out into the world with the confidence and ambition to make it a better place.**

In the current economic climate, demand for bursaries is increasing while our ability to fund them becomes more constrained. Fundraising and legacy giving are now more important for us than ever before. Please keep reading to find out how you can help.



# How much does a Bloxham bursary cost?

The cost of a bursary is linked directly to our fees. The table below indicates the funding required to support different sizes of bursaries based on fees for 2024/25.

For 2024/25 the average annual fees for a Bloxham boarder are in the region of £41,500; for a day pupil they are £22,000. Allowing for fee increases, the cost of a 7-year Bloxham boarding education is in the region of £319,000; and for a day pupil £168,000.

Bursary	One Time Cost		Endowment	
	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding
<b>100% 7 Year</b>	£168,000	£319,000	£730,000	£1,400,000
<b>50% 7 Year</b>	£84,000	£159,500	£365,000	£700,000
<b>25% 7 Year</b>	£42,000	£79,750	£182,500	£350,000

Funding for bursaries is sought at all levels. It can be achieved through single gifts and regular giving from individuals, which will benefit from Gift Aid, as well as gifts from businesses and foundations and trusts. Endowed gifts are invested and generate bursary funding in perpetuity.

There are many ways to support us and if you are in a position to donate, please consider the best way for you:

- **Major gifts • Regular giving**
- **Legacies • Company bursaries**



# Major gifts

## Lump sum or monthly gifts

Our bursaries typically cover seven years of education at Bloxham and gifts can be made as a lump sum or pledged over that timeframe and donated on a monthly basis. For UK tax-payers, Gift Aid may apply and will generate an additional 25% to the value of your gift at no additional cost to you. Examples of monthly gifts over seven years are shown below.

### Monthly gifts over seven years

Size of bursary	Cost of bursary over 7 years	Monthly cost over 7 years	Donation required before GA	Total donation after 7 years	Gift Aid after 7 years	Total gift value
100%	£319,000	£3,798	£3,038	£255,200	£63,800	£319,000
75%	£239,250	£2,848	£2,279	£191,400	£47,850	£239,250
50%	£159,500	£1,899	£1,519	£127,600	£31,900	£159,500
25%	£79,750	£949	£760	£63,800	£15,950	£79,750
10%	£31,900	£380	£304	£25,520	£6,380	£31,900

*This table is for illustration purposes only. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and smaller gifts will all collectively contribute to our bursary funding goals. Please give at whatever level is right for you.*

# Regular giving

Another way to give to the Raymond Fund is to set up a standing order to donate a regular monthly, quarterly or annual amount for as long as you wish to do so. The following table shows how the value of small regular gifts, together with Gift Aid, accumulates over time.

## Monthly gifts over time

Monthly Donation	With Gift Aid added	Total value of gift over 12 months	Total value of gift over 3 years	Total value of gift over 7 years
<b>£10</b>	£12.50	£150	£450	£1,050
<b>£20</b>	£25	£300	£900	£2,100
<b>£50</b>	£62.50	£750	£2,250	£5,250
<b>£100</b>	£125	£1,500	£4,500	£10,500

# Donor recognition

Bloxham is always keen to recognise the generosity of our donors. The names of all those who donate at any level may be displayed or included in lists of benefactors in printed publications (unless anonymity is preferred). We will check with all donors before publishing names.

# Legacy giving

Legacy giving is another highly effective way of supporting bursaries at Bloxham. Leaving a fixed sum or a percentage of your estate would help to provide bursary funding upon receipt of the gift or could be invested to provide support in the future.

Legacy giving can also be highly tax-efficient. If you are a UK taxpayer, leaving 10% or more of your estate to a registered charity such as Bloxham School could reduce your inheritance tax from 40% to 36% thus significantly reducing the net effect of the gift on your remaining estate (please discuss this with your tax advisor).

## Facts

- A legacy gift of £1.4m invested in our bursary endowment fund would provide a full bursary in perpetuity from income. A gift of a Bloxham education for many generations to come.
- Similarly, legacy gifts of £700k and £350k would provide 50% and 25% bursaries in perpetuity.
- Naming rights will be offered to benefactors wishing to establishing a bursary in perpetuity.
- Smaller gifts collectively provide ongoing bursary provision.
- All legacy gifts, irrespective of size, will benefit future generations of Bloxhamists.

Everyone who notifies us of their intention to leave a gift to Bloxham in their Will, will be invited to join The Egerton Society. Membership of the Society allows us the opportunity to thank and recognise legators for their support and acknowledge the significance of philanthropy to the School. Members are invited to annual events and regularly kept up to date with the School and our bursary fundraising.

“When my father realised he could not afford to pay for me and my brother through school and university he asked R S Thompson for help and I was awarded a bursary. This enabled me to build skills through being a prefect, secretary of sailing, membership of Literati, and hockey which I played until I was 40, all of which propelled my career and the social leadership roles I have taken. I regard the bursary my father arranged as a loan which I will repay to the School in my Will for the benefit of future students. I would encourage others to remember Bloxham in their Will so that the School can continue to support future generations of Bloxhamists.”

John Parker (Cr 61-66)  
President of The Egerton Society

# Company bursaries

Businesses have the opportunity to partner with Bloxham to support our students with financial assistance, work experience and careers support.

## Partnership packages may include:

- Financial support for sixth form, 50% or 110% bursaries
- Adding the company name to the bursary
- Joint PR to announce the partnership and promote the work
- Working with the School to provide careers support and work experience
- Annual report to provide an update (anonymised) about the bursary recipient's progress
- The opportunity to work in partnership with one of our charity partners to sponsor a pupil to attend Bloxham

As Bloxham is a registered charity, businesses may be able to benefit from tax relief on any financial support provided.



# Managing your Donation

The Bloxham School Development Board oversees our fundraising activities on behalf of the Governors, making recommendations for investments, determining use of unrestricted donations, and advising on compliance issues.

Our Donor Charter, outlining our commitment to donors and including our gift acceptance policy, can be found on our website at <https://www.bloxhamschool.com/Donor-Charter>

Bloxham School is registered with the Fundraising Regulator, the independent regulator of charitable fundraising. Being registered with the Fundraising Regulator means we are committed to its Fundraising Promise which outlines our commitment to donors and the public. The standards for fundraising are set out by the Code of Fundraising Practice. We are also a member of IDPE (the Institute of Development Professionals in Education).



# How you can help

Demand for all types of bursaries is increasing and we cannot, at this time, meet all the requests for support.

If you would like to help a deserving child to attend Bloxham, please call the Development Office for a no-obligation, confidential discussion. We would be delighted to discuss the best options for you.

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