



TAUNTON  
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Our vision is to challenge, inspire and nurture young people to succeed in a global community. We are committed to supporting all deserving children able to contribute and compete within a culture of learning.

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*Lee Glaser, Headmaster*

# Life-Changing Education



We believe that every child who is talented, willing to work hard and contribute towards our ethos should have access to an education at Taunton School.

We are committed to supporting young people, particularly as they enter adulthood at Sixth Form level. We encourage individuals and Trusts to offer financial support for local and international students, all of whom would come from financially restricted backgrounds. Taunton School was built with a proud tradition of philanthropy and it is our aim to continue that culture of giving.

We provide life-changing education that makes a difference not only to each student, but also to their own communities for the long-term. Giving to the School means that more young people can access a first-class education, learn to think independently

and develop skills for life; we create leaders who change the world.

We invite you to support a student at Sixth Form, by becoming a member of our Patrons' Programme. We are looking for 100% means-tested financial support for two years and we would like to help at least 20 students initially.

You would be able to follow the progress of a student and discover personally how your gift of education impacts directly on a life forever.

This is an opportunity to do something extraordinary.

*Lee Glaser, Headmaster*

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*Henry Keeling, Chairman of Governors  
(School House, 1963-74)*



# Henry and Jan

**Henry Keeling and Jan Nuttall, both Old Tauntonians, have been instrumental in changing the lives of children at Taunton School through their unique bursary programme. They are both Past Presidents of the Old Tauntonian Association and Henry is Chairman of Governors.**

“My parents gave me two invaluable things; a lot of love and a good education. Taunton School gave me an abiding love of sport together with enjoyment of both music and drama which have served to give me great confidence when having to perform in a public setting or work environment. Some of my deepest and most durable friendships were formed there and it was also at Taunton that I first met my wife Jan - a child of expatriate parents who found a second and happy home at Weirfield and then Taunton.

Our experiences left an indelible and mostly positive imprint on both of us. I genuinely believe that Taunton was very special in the way it tried to find the one thing that would make a child unique, loved and appreciated. In my view this stems from the basic non-conformist and dissenting traditions of the School. It is about an ethos and a set of values that are even stronger today than they were then.

Beyond this there is a deeper reason why Jan and I wanted to support the School and especially students wishing, but perhaps finding it difficult, to continue into the Sixth Form. We all have slightly chequered pasts that could have played out differently and I was most certainly no angel at

school. When the chips were really down, one or two teachers stood steadfastly behind me, seeing something that I had failed to determine myself: I got a second chance and left with decent, if not exactly flying, colours. This taught me two very important lessons: the first is that you have to be brutally true to yourself and work hard to achieve what you want in life; the second is that if you are in a position genuinely to help someone then you must; you never know what profound difference it might make for them.

Jan’s experience was somewhat different (she was a slightly more applied student!) but these are views we both share deeply, so we wanted to find a way of helping young people achieve their greatest potential in an inclusive and caring environment. We truly believe that Taunton School, especially in comparison to other options, is just such a place. We would encourage those in a position to do so, to offer support and become involved in helping others fulfil their lives.”

*Henry Keeling (School House 1963-74)*

*Jan Nuttall (Weirfield and Taunton School 1973-75)*





# A Global Community

Taunton School is part of a global community and, as such, welcomes children from all over the world. Today students from over 24 countries call Taunton School home.

Our International School and International Middle School enable children to learn English and benefit from a traditional boarding school experience. Our

## Juan Luquin

Juan Luquin was a bright and able child from the USA whose family did not have the means to offer him an outstanding education. With the support of a group of Old Tauntonians, he was able to complete his education at Sixth Form, becoming Head Boy.

He is now studying engineering and physics at Pepperdine University, Malibu, becoming the first member of his family to attend university.

**“Taunton School is a place where lifelong friendships are made, experiences are shared and future leaders are born. I was able to grow as an individual physically and academically, by being challenged to reach my greatest potential. I never saw Taunton as a school, it was my home. I will never forget the great experiences I had at Taunton School and will carry them with me for the rest of my life.”**

*Juan Luquin, Head Boy (Wills East 2012-14)*

international and English students integrate well with each other, socially, academically and on our sports fields.

Beyond School, Old Tauntonians can be found in every country, in every profession. Through the Old Tauntonian Association we encourage friendships and networking opportunities for life.

Our vision is to create life-changing opportunities for children through the Patrons’ Programme to support students from our local area in Somerset as well as international students from low income backgrounds.

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I owe much more to Taunton than just a good education. I took away from school so many of the essential ingredients that have made my life so much more fulfilling than it otherwise would have been.

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*Michael Phillips (School House 1943-48)*



# Michael Phillips

**Michael was at Taunton School during the Second World War, evacuated from London, like so many others at the time. Having left in 1948, he entered the accountancy profession and in 1970 became involved in a house building business. He has enjoyed a long and successful career and is still going strong, with the support of his family, well into his eighties!**

**Michael has been a generous friend and supporter of the Taunton School Foundation, since its inception in 2002. He decided recently to become one of our first donors of the Patrons' Programme.**

“Taunton School taught me a great deal; the importance of discipline and an organised mind, which has enabled me to face life, and the problems which go with it, in a balanced way.

I learned about honour and decent standards; everyday manners of living with one's fellow citizens, showing respect where it should be given, giving way to older people, 'ladies first', a level of politeness to one and all - I felt well-prepared for entering the adult world. I have always enjoyed the ability to make good friends throughout my life.

Another Taunton asset which I enjoy to this day, is an enduring love of sport. Of course that started

with active participation and then went on to the pleasures in later life of simply being a spectator. But it goes further than that. I firmly believe that participation in sport leads to a more rounded and well-balanced individual and additionally allows one to recognise the importance of being part of a team and the responsibilities which go with it. One also has to learn how to lose as well as to win.

I consider myself very fortunate in having spent my teenage years at Taunton; a significant and important part of my life story. Assisting someone to a good education, especially in today's world, creates the best opportunity for a successful career on leaving school.”

*Michael Phillips (School House 1943-48)*





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*Liam Travers, Ian Evans Lombe  
award recipient and Head Boy*

# Ian Evans Lombe: A Legacy for Life

**Ian was the former head of Lloyds of London insurance brokers; a wealthy and successful businessman who moved to rural Somerset at the end of his career. He had a formidable reputation as a focused and dedicated professional who would not accept failure.**

**Ian died in 2007. With no children, and in an extraordinary act of generosity, he left**

“Two years ago I was a run-of-the-mill 16-year-old. Today, I stand as the Head Boy of an outstanding school. I feel proud to both lead a community of future pioneers and, more importantly, be me. For this reason, I will always be grateful for the generosity of Taunton School and Ian Evans Lombe in granting me such an opportunity. Above all, Taunton School has taught me that the world is a whole lot bigger than the local comprehensive

**his £13million fortune to help good causes in the Somerset area. Over £1.2million was left to Taunton School, a legacy which supports talented Sixth Formers, competing for International Baccalaureate places.**

**Liam Travers, Head Boy and future world-changer, is one of the recipients of the Ian Evans Lombe award. He says;**

school I left behind. Alongside my IB, I have learnt from my teachers that there is no dream too big.

The School has nurtured the potential I showed and fuelled my ambition, showing me that I can do anything or go anywhere I desire. Bearing this in mind, I hope to study Geography at Cambridge with a view to ultimately change the world. As soon as I do, I'll let you know!”



# Leave a Legacy and Join the 1847 Society

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Taunton School is an extraordinary place to be educated. It creates wonderful opportunities that prepare and shape children for life. The School also requires constant investment to preserve and to progress for the benefit of future generations. Leaving a legacy in your will is a tax-efficient way of contributing to this future without any impact on your present finances.

Ian Evans Lombe was an extraordinary philanthropist who has given so many students access to life-changing education. I have also made my own legacy commitment to this fine School to which I owe so very much.

I look forward to bringing together all those who generously agree to support the School's future with a legacy and to encourage others to join our ranks.

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*Michael Button, Chairman of the 1847 Society  
and donor (Wills East 1949-56)*

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I learned invaluable lessons about myself and others, which I most likely would not have experienced elsewhere.

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*Obi Imachukwu (Weirfield, 2009-2011)*





# Obi and the Impact of Sponsorship at Sixth Form

**Benefactors at Taunton School have, for many years, offered financial support for students by effectively sponsoring their education. Our aim now is to create opportunities at Sixth Form for 20 young people from Somerset and around the world. This is a unique opportunity for those looking to leave a lasting legacy and to offer a genuine life-changing gift.**

**Obi Imachukwu was born in East London. She attended a local primary school and completed her GCSEs at Kingsford Community School. A bright and able student, she was able to attend Taunton School at Sixth Form thanks to the support of a group of Old Tauntonians.**

“I work currently as a paralegal in the Project Finance Team at Norton Rose Fulbright in London having read Law at Brunel University and graduating in 2015.

From a young age I enjoyed entering competitions, especially if it promoted creativity and education. I wrote a play in Mandarin which allowed me to incorporate my love for music with foreign languages. I won the National Speaking Competition and received a sponsored trip to Beijing from HSBC and the British Council. I was keen to leave London to further my education and was very excited when I found out I would be completing my A-Levels at Taunton School. The quality of teaching, the facilities, and most importantly, the individuals who make up Taunton School played a positive role in what was a life-

changing experience. I learned invaluable lessons, about myself and others, which I most likely would not have experienced elsewhere. I was given the freedom to express myself through classroom discussions and get involved in extracurricular activities. My well-rounded experience prepared me for University and some volunteer work in Tanzania teaching to orphans and vulnerable children. Being exposed to children who live in poverty heightened my perception of the developing world.

I experienced a very quick, yet smooth transition from student to work life. It has been a great learning curve so far and I am excited to see what the future has in store for me.”

*Obi Imachukwu (Weirfield, 2009-2011)*

# The Patrons' Programme

- Students are selected nationally and internationally and interviewed by an experienced panel. In all cases, parents are means-tested
- An exclusive annual dinner would offer the opportunity to network with like-minded benefactors of Taunton School
- The Benefactor/s will receive regular reports about their student with the opportunity to meet with the successful candidate
- Groups of supporters can contribute towards a single award
- The family will be informed about your involvement and the School will be responsible for maintaining contact between you and the student
- Awards can be named and acknowledged within the School for perpetuity

## The Foundation Board

The work of The Foundation is supported by a growing number of influential and supportive Old Tauntonians and friends internationally who help to steer our approach.

## How funds are managed

All fundraising at Taunton School is carried through the Taunton School Foundation. Overall responsibility for prudent management of funds is looked after by the Governing Board's Finance Committee. Operational costs are met through fee income and not from donations.

The Taunton School Foundation is a subsidiary Charity of Taunton School Educational Charity, a Company Limited by Guarantee Registration Number: 4005803. Reg Charity No 1081420

## Patron Level: sponsoring a boarder

Cost per term	Cost per annum	Cost for two years	Target number of children	Total
£11,000	£33,000	£66,000	10	£660,000

£66,000 would generate Gift Aid of £16,500 = £82,500 (total award). A higher rate tax payer can claim back the £16,500 which means the gift would only cost £49,500.

## Benefactor Level: sponsoring a day pupil

Cost per term	Cost per annum	Cost for two years	Target number of children	Total
£5,900	£17,700	£35,400	10	£354,000

£35,400 would generate Gift Aid of £8,850 = £44,250 (total award). A higher rate tax payer can claim back the £8,850 which means the gift would only cost £26,550. Cost can be met from an individual or a group of benefactors and spread over a maximum period of five years.

## Gifts from the USA

United States taxpayers can donate through the British Schools and Universities Foundation Inc (BSUF), a registered 501c3 charity (Federal I.D. Number 13-616-1189) in the United States. Gifts made through the Foundation are fully tax deductible.

Higher rate tax payers can claim higher rate relief on their donations by including them in the Gift Aid box on their Self Assessment Tax Return.

## Donations can be made via electronic bank transfer:

Taunton School Foundation  
Sort code: 40 44 04  
Account Number: 81781243

## Gift Aid for UK Taxpayers

Making a gift of any size using the Gift Aid Scheme, enables the Taunton School Foundation to reclaim from the Government the basic rate of tax on the gift which will already have been paid by the donor. Donations gain 25p for every £1.

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