



MARJORIE WILLIS

Supporting Young People Through Education

This Charity supports the education of Alderbrook Students.

Marjorie Willis was the head teacher of Harold Cartwright Girls Grammar School. In 1974 a merger with Harold Malley Boys' Grammar Schools formed Alderbrook School. The Marjorie Willis Charity was established in 1974 to raise funds and support the students.

The school budget is fully committed to paying for teaching the curriculum, maintaining the buildings and educational resources. There are other items that the school would like to provide but does not have the funds for - things that improve school life and the learning experience of the students.

The charity wants to raise funds for both the school and support the learning of Alderbrook students. All funds raised by the charity will benefit Alderbrook students, however it operates separately to the school. Staff and individual students can apply for grants which have an educational purpose, these are considered by the trustees on a confidential basis.

The trust has a website at www.mwef.org.uk

It would make a significant difference if we all were to donate the cost of a cup of coffee or slice of cake each month (for example £5). We do appreciate this is an extra request when many are struggling, so this is completely voluntary. Our aim is to help and not be a burden.

We have made making your donation as easy as pie. You can make your donation online using **Direct Debit** or Credit / Debit Card. This can be a one off or you can set up a regular monthly / quarterly donation. Cheques can also be sent to the school office, along with the attached form.



If you are a UK tax payer, please tick the **Gift Aid** box. This will enable us to claim 25p from HMRC for every pound donated. [A £10 donation becomes £12.50 at no additional cost to you].

Examples of grants paid previously by the Charity include the purchase of the school minibus, lockers, water fountains, team strip and contributions to chess and photography clubs.

This year we have awarded over £6000 in grants including:

- Skeletons and Skulls for Art
- Food Processors
- Several STEM projects and a Science Club
- Reading incentive scheme
- Support for a school trip
- Resources for students where English is not their first language

Additionally:

- We want to work with Alderbrook Community and develop specific projects for fundraising activities
- We want to work with the Solihull Society of Arts to improve equipment used for school productions.
- We want to be able to award more grants – such as providing iPads for use in Art and Music

Thank you for your support.

