

# Sir Gavyn Arthur



## THE SIR GAVYN ARTHUR MEMORIAL BURSARY APPEAL

### BEDFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL BEDFORD, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE SOUTH AFRICA

The Sir Gavyn Arthur Memorial Bursary Appeal was inaugurated in January 2017 at The Bedford Country School located in the Eastern Cape Province town of Bedford in South Africa.

The untimely death of His Honour Judge Sir Gavyn Arthur, past Lord Mayor of London (2002-2003) in May 2016 was felt by the community of this small town far away from his circle of colleagues and friends in the City of London where he was well known for his vocation and his many other spheres of interest.

*The Memorial Bursary Appeal for Bedford Country School will enable Sir Gavyn Arthur's legacy to be remembered in Bedford South Africa, which he loved.*

Having been born during 1951 in KwaZulu Natal Sir Gavyn was a son of Bedford through his grandfather George Percy Farr and his mother Gladys Raina Arthur (née Farr). His brother Leonard Compton Arthur who died at a young age is buried in the town along with many of his mother's family. In more recent years he became a generous benefactor of the school from its founding in 2009. In the ensuing years he made a number of visits to see the school developing and enjoy the company of the children who benefited from his generosity in various ways.

Arising out of a generous undertaking to include the school as a recipient of funds accrued from the retiring collection of his Memorial Service held at the Temple Church, London on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, it was decided to form a Memorial Bursary Fund and on-going appeal to perpetuate for the future, Sir

# Bedford Country School



*Where every child, has every chance,  
every day, to learn with love and  
laughter...*



Gavyn's memory and his generosity towards the school.

Sir Gavyn's link with Bedford was remembered at a service held on Saturday 12 November 2016 when his ashes were interred in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Andrews Anglican Church Bedford and later on, on a plaque in the church.

The first recipient of funding from the appeal in 2017 was Catherine Swartz age 7 she will continue to receive tuition support until the end of 2021.

A decision taken during 2017 by the School Bursar and unanimously supported by the Governing Body was that in future all donations received by the school towards pupils bursaries from whatever source would be consolidated under the Sir Gavyn Arthur Memorial Appeal Fund.

Sir Gavyn was a lifelong supporter of children's causes through his work as a Family Court Judge and in support of both educational and charitable children's causes through his time as Lord Mayor along with his many livery company connections. In particular, his support for The Save The Children Charity in his mayoral year as well as Christ's Hospital, The Farmers City of Lands School nr. Horsham, West Sussex are examples of children's organisations which he supported.

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### **Bedford Demographics**

The demographics of Bedford and the surrounding area provide a picture quite typical of small rural communities across South Africa where one comes across:-

- High unemployment figures of 70% and above
- High incidence of alcohol abuse
- High incidence of HIV/AIDS
- 41.7% of children come from households where they live with both parents while 58.3% of children live with single parents, grandparents or guardians

### **Recipients of Funding – Community Outreach Initiative**

Recipients of funding are carefully selected from amongst deserving families in our local community. The emphasis is on African Black and Coloured children from disadvantaged and impoverished families whose parents have expressed

## WHAT WE PROMISE

- **Dedicated and Dynamic Team of Teachers**
- **Small classes with emphasis on individual attention**
- **Excellent and comprehensive academic and extra-mural programme**
- **Nurture and care of our children in a safe, home-like environment**
- **Community outreach and environmental awareness initiatives**

the desire to give their children an excellent formative Early Child Development start to their schooling which is currently lacking in the State Schooling Sector in South Africa. These parents aspire to uplift the lives of their children. Taking this first step to placing their children in an excellent school requires many sacrifices. This is where bursary funding is so badly needed and by playing our role we fulfil the objectives of our Community Outreach Initiative.

We believe that there should be no full bursaries on offer and as a rule we currently require parents to pay a minimum of 60% of the annual school fees, leaving the bursary fund to make up the shortfall. Some exceptions have been made and in particular where siblings are involved. We do have families with 2 and 3 children enrolled at the school.

To date we have concentrated in the area of funding tuition fees only. We are finding however that other costs such as boarding fees, tutors fees, sports equipment and excursions also require support.

We have Included in a brief information leaflet on the school which gives an overview of what we aim to achieve.

Your donation and support for this appeal will enable children from our community to be enrolled in the school and to embark on a life-changing and uplifting journey that will give them a head start to cope, compete and succeed in difficult times.



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## **HOW YOUR DONATIONS WILL ASSIST:-**

### **DIRECT DEPOSIT DONATIONS**

A single donation amount of 50 GBP will provide for Sports Equipment for 1 child for the summer sports programme;

A single donation amount of 100 GBP will provide for tutors fees for 1 child for 3 months;

A single donation amount of 150 GBP will provide for a two day outward bound excursion for 1 child

A single donation amount of 200 GBP will provide boarding house fees for 1 child for 1 month.

A single donation amount of 400 GBP will provide boarding house fees for 1 child for 2 months.

A single donation amount of GBP 600 will provide a 30% Fees Bursary for 1 child attending Grade 1 or 2 for the 2019 Academic Year.

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## DONATION FORM

### DONATION BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

Yes, I would like to support the Sir Gavyn Arthur Memorial Bursary Appeal and undertake the following:-

I have deposited my contribution of £ .....directly into your Barclays Bank account

Bank: Barclays plc.

Branch: Newbury Berkshire

**Bank Account Name:** Mr C Brett

Account Number: 30858773

Sort Code: 205914

**Please use your Surname and SGAM as reference eg. Williams/SGAM**

My preference would be to fund: Tuition fees.....; Boarding Fees.....;

Sports Equipment.....; Excursions.....; indicate by ✓

Kindly print this page, complete, and return this form by email to:

The Bedford Country School SGAM Appeal,

Email: [admin.bcs@r63.co.za](mailto:admin.bcs@r63.co.za)

Attention: Charles Brett / Bursar