

Welcome to our new chairman

We are delighted to announce that Richard Morse has been chosen to lead the board of The Woodard Corporation as its Director as well as taking on the role of Chairman.

Richard has over 30 years' experience in the finance and commercial fields and has extensive knowledge of the education sector having previously been Vice Chairman of Ripon College Cuddesdon and Chairman of the Wykeham Campaign, which raised endowment funds for Winchester College.



Richard explains his reasons for joining the Woodard family:

Woodard's long history of pioneering education and its strong spiritual emphasis, together with the sense of community it instils amongst its pupils and staff, are among the many reasons I decided to apply for the role of Chairman.

Woodard Schools has an enviable reputation amongst those who are already aware of the organisation. My aim is to spread this repute to a wider audience drawing attention to its amazing work. The future of Woodard Schools is full of potential and it's a privilege to be part of it.

This newsletter perfectly demonstrates what awaits pupils at Woodard, from quality education and pastoral care, to music, theatre and international adventures – we are developing people who can make a difference in the world.



Who are we?

Woodard is a national group of **state maintained** and **independent schools** which aims to provide excellent education to **children** and **young people** across the country.

48
schools

For children
3-18
years old

Our primary purpose is to **awaken a love of learning** in all – students and teachers – and to do this within a value **rich and value driven context** that recognises the unique value of each individual person and our responsibility towards each other.



Our Purpose

An education offering opportunities for **service, academic commitment** and extra-curricular breadth against a background of a **strong individual focus**.

A place where **children and adults flourish** within a strong Christian community.

A community of **faith, service** and **learning**.

To **aspire**, not to have more but **to be more**.

A genuinely **excellent** all-round education with a strong academic core for each pupil, developing **independent** and **searching minds**.

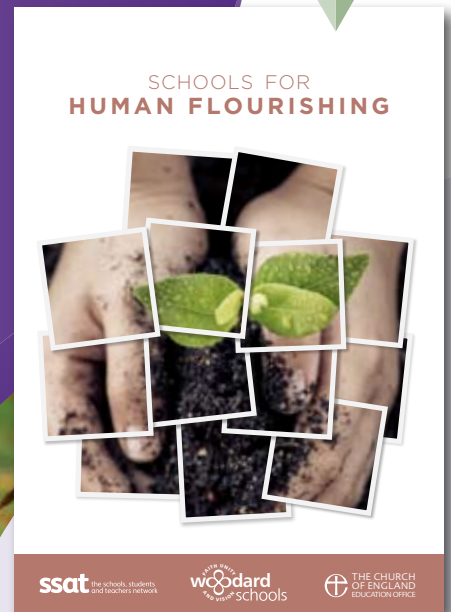
To develop students who are consciously spiritual beings, aware of who they are, what they believe and what they are capable of, and how they will use this consciousness in their relationships and their **contribution to the world**.

Schools for Human Flourishing

In 2016 eminent voices in the world of education come together in a book entitled "Schools for Human Flourishing", commissioned by Woodard Schools, to show how their approach to education can transform young lives for the better.

The book, "Schools for Human Flourishing", is free to download by clicking the button below.

The **whole** child is the **whole** point



“Education is about more than the flight towards academic success and employment. It is, at its heart, about human flourishing.”

“It is vital that we do not lose sight of the true purpose of education. Pupils, teachers and parents all recognise the importance of wellbeing, confidence, happiness and relationships in education.”

Click here
to download
the full book

Christian Ethos

We are dedicated to transforming the futures of young people and the communities they serve.

We do this by embracing a Christian ethos, promoting understanding, celebrating diversity and welcoming students from all faiths or none.

During
2015/2016
much has been
achieved

The launch of
Chaplaincy Central, a **web based resource** for chaplains in schools.

Supported by a grant from Woodard Schools.

A new
Chaplaincy Professional Development Programme

'The glory of God is a human being fully alive'

Completion of a
School Chaplaincy Standards document bringing consistency to the sector.

Click here
to download the full document

A Vision of Chaplaincy

Context
Role Models
Pastoral Care
Engagement

An Encounter with Christ

Mission and Vocation
Nurturing the Spiritual
Gathering for Worship
Service Learning

FAITH UNITY
woodard
AND VISION schools

Academic



All Woodard schools **aspire to have the highest inspection judgements.**

The **majority have already achieved this.**

The rest are working hard to satisfy this requirement.

All Woodard schools deliver an excellent **Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum.**

All have **outstanding pastoral care.**



“Woodard’s 15 incorporated schools are a group of *high performing* schools, with attainment and pupil progress significantly above the national average across all headline indicators.
(Fischer Family Trust)**”**



International

Educating more than **30,000 pupils** and employing over **2,500 teaching staff**, Woodard has an unrivalled breadth and knowledge in education across both the private and state sectors.

Charitable activity at Woodard stretches far beyond the school gates.

Schools support projects in continents such as **Africa**, **Asia** and **South America**, as well as national charities in this country, and those in their local community.

Projects take place in Uganda, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Nepal, India, Madagascar, South Korea and Bolivia among many others.

Kings College
Rohtak, India,
opened in
August 2016

The Woodard
Secondary School
in Gilgil, Kenya
continues to
thrive.

Pupils have stayed in an **eco-hotel** and engaged in **lectures** on **responsible tourism in Gambia**; others have established a **charity called Monduli Green** (Monduli is a village in Tanzania) supporting educational initiatives in the region; and others experienced the challenges of a **World Challenge trip to Ladakh** in the **Indian Himalayas** to help at an impoverished school and carry out **repair works at an orphanage**.

Facts & Figures

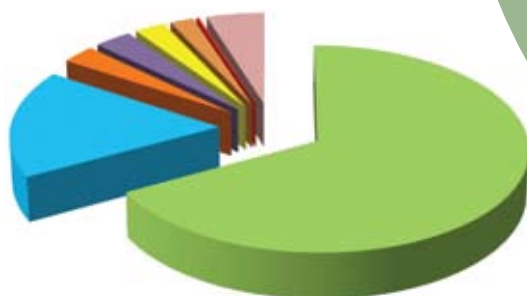
With an overall income of **£178 million**, Charity Finance magazine lists The Woodard Corporation as the **16th largest** charity in Britain. Woodard is in the same bracket of income as household names including the RNLI, Age UK, Mencap and Macmillan Cancer Support.

16th largest
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Britain

18,000
pupils

in schools that choose
to align themselves with
a Woodard ethos

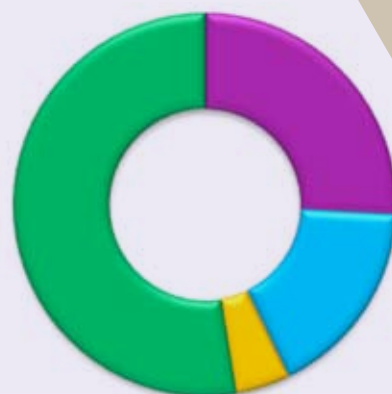
Sources of Income



- School Fees
- DfE Grant to Academies
- Donations
- Non-charitable Trading Income
- Charitable Trading
- Other Educational Income
- Investment Income
- Other Incoming Resources

Proportion of Pupil Numbers

- Woodard Independent
- Woodard Academies
- Associated
- Affiliated



13,500
pupils

in independent
schools & sponsored
academies

“Farewell,



As I draw to the end of my Chairmanship, which will call time on nearly 28 years of involvement with Woodard, a number of people have asked how I feel. There is no single word to explain - extremely fortunate to have had the privilege of influencing, hopefully for the better, the education of so many children; relieved, that as the years begin to take their toll I am able to stand down and hand over the pressures and challenges to a younger man; frustrated, that I have been unable to achieve some of the things I had hoped for; grateful, for the support of fellow Board Members and the great body of Woodard Fellows, past and present, without whom nothing would be possible; encouraged, to hear many people tell me that Woodard is much better now than it was five years ago and that Woodard has appointed a very capable and worthy successor; and happy, to be able to direct my remaining effort towards projects which have had to be postponed.

At its heart Woodard is a wonderful family, and it is clear that it's most successful schools are those in which the Board and senior leadership are working in unison to enable every member of staff and every pupil to give their best in a secure and happy, yet challenging, environment of Christian love and nurture. Our Lord never promised us an easy path through life and we have to be prepared to work hard and sometimes make difficult choices, but His great commandments to love God and our neighbour, provide an outstanding talisman to help us through our difficulties.

Thank you Woodard – keep up the good work to provide high quality education, in a Christian environment, to as many children as you possibly can.

Tom Fremantle

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