



Dear fellow Doscos,

I feel honoured and privileged to have served as a Governor of The Doon School. During this time I have also carried the responsibility of leading the newly founded Development Committee, which plays the role of raising funds to support the enticing new initiatives that Dr Peter McLaughlin, Headmaster, and Mr Gautam Thapar, Chairman of the BOG, have started.

I'm pleased to report that, due to the support of Old boys and friends of the Doon family, we have raised Rs 36.18 crores from 351 donors over the past six years. This will help us provide upgraded facilities and programs at Chandbagh. Some of the initiatives that your contributions have made possible include:

- Bursaries for boys who otherwise cannot attend schools like Doon.
- Building an endowment so as to reduce the rate of future tuition increases and to provide a financial cushion.
- Upgrading teacher salaries so we can attract the highest quality teachers, coaches and advisors.
- Building new masters housing on the Chandbagh estate so we can fulfill our goal of ensuring that

teachers are actively engaged in campus life.

- Starting new programs like Summer at Doon, and the teacher training with the Institute of Education (IOE).
- Upgrading the quality of college counselling and placements.
- And last, but perhaps most importantly, upgrading the physical facilities in the houses, developing a long term estate plan, and completing the Art School.

No doubt there are several other key needs, still unmet, that are worthy of your support.

I left school forty years ago and remained uninvolved with Doon until ten years ago. And when I ponder on what made the change, I know it was because I saw enlightened and inspiring leaders, who were all Old Boys and also my classmates (Kanti Bajpai, former Headmaster, and Analjit Singh, past Chairman of the BOG), to name a few, who were giving of their own time and resources. I saw inspired leadership dedicated to changing the arc of the school and doing so in a transparent and open manner.

Of course, I have little doubt that what compelled them to give back was what ultimately caused me to do the same: we were all beneficiaries of a unique educational experience at Doon and we wanted the legacy to continue for future generations. I have four boys and none of them did or will attend Doon, so the legacy is not a personal one.

Like many of you I had the good fortune of being involved in some world class educational institutions as a student, as a parent, and as a trustee. I don't believe I am exaggerating when I say that Doon stands up there with the best of them. Arguably, if one judges a school by whether it inspires its students to make a difference in the world, Doon may be among the very best.

So giving back some of my time and resources to support Doon in its continuing journey for excellence has been a gratifying experience for me.

I hope in your own way you too find some way to give back. If you do choose to give back to The Doon School, I hope it gives you the same satisfaction it has given me.

## Sanjeev Mehra (359 JB, 1975) Governor and Chairman of Development Committee of The Doon School (2007-13)

Letter from the Director Development & Alumni Relations Rishabh C. Sharma (553 JA 1994)

# Chandbagh



Dear fellow Doscos,

Chandbagh is an exhaustible source of joy for many of us and being on campus makes me feel as great as ever! As an Old boy, it gives me a lot of satisfaction to know that the school is staying relevant and ahead of the curve as an all boy's school under the leadership of the Board and the Headmaster.

Upon taking over as Director of Development and Alumni Relations, the first thing I decided to do was to take a walk around Chandbagh and look at our school through a lens of development. To my amazement, over 90% of the physical structures at school have been donated. From all the Houses (Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kashmir, Tata, and Oberoi) to the Art School, from the Main Gate to the Swimming Pool, from Skinners to the Multipurpose Hall - these are all gifts to the school. The corridors that we walked, the fields that we played in, have all been given.

The one thing we, Doscos need to realise and appreciate is, that without the generosity of certain individuals, we would not have had the experiences we had and not be who we are today.

In summary, the **"History of Doon is the History of Giving"** and as we complete 80 years of our existence, never before since our inception is the role of Old Boys and friends of the Doon School more important in ensuring the success and relevance of the schools' future.

# The importance of fund raising Why the school needs funds?

## The Doon School is a non profit organisation that receives no Government funding or corporate sponsorship.

Currently, tuition just about covers our operating expenses. In addition to meeting our day-to-day costs, the school has a commitment to maintain its heritage campus, upgrade existing, and build new facilities to ensure that the boys get the best infrastructure to develop and enhance their talents. Interest income from our endowment and various special purpose funds help support the strategic initiatives of the school.

The school's vision and mission of

providing boys with a solid all round development is steered by the school's Development Plan produced by the Board of Governors in 2009.

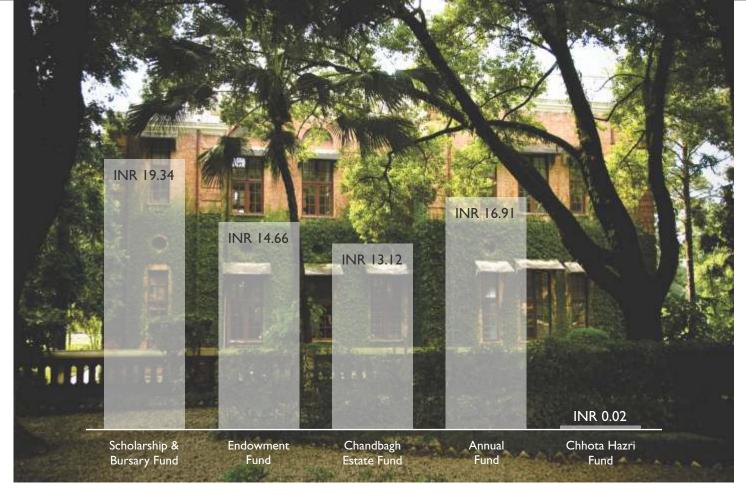
The vision of the school is best summarised in 5 key points.

- Providing a world class all-round education.
- Developing and maintaining the Chandbagh Campus.
- Attracting and retaining the very best faculty.
- Ensuring access to a Doon School education.
- Promoting Athletic participation and life long fitness.

We have introduced the International Baccalaureate (IB), and IGCSE as a part of our evolving academic curriculum. We continue to provide the best education to the most deserving boys across the country by offering financial aid to nearly 30% of our student population.

Along with maintaining our existing buildings we are building facilities such as new Master's Housing (currently under construction) and the Indoor Sports Complex (currently being planned). A new initiative to restore and upgrade the classrooms in the Main Building is also under way.

As we move forward, the demands on



## Fund Corpus as of May 2016 in crores

the school are immense.

Since the establishment of the school's fundraising arm under the Chairmanship of Mr. Analjit Singh in October 2004, the school has raised nearly Rs 63 crores in funding for various initiatives.

As per the Development Plan the goal is to raise Rs 120 crores by 2020.

In conclusion, the School has come a long way and under the Chairmanship of Mr Gautam Thapar, and stewardship of Dr Peter Mclaughlin, the Headmaster. We are now ready to establish ourselves amongst the leading all boy schools in the world but this goal cannot be achieved without the support of the Old Boys.

As an Old Boy myself, I would request you to take a moment, a deep breath, close your eyes, and imagine where you would be right now if you had not had the opportunity to study at The Doon School?

How many of your friends today were

with you at school with you?

How has the Doon School network helped you in your career, and most importantly how did the school shape your values and beliefs to bring out the best in you?

We were lucky to have benefitted from the generosity of donors who helped build the school, but today, times have changed, and the baton to carry the school forward rests in our hands, the hands of the Old Boys.

On behalf of the boys of the school, I would urge you to support the school and ensure that the flame of knowledge continues to burn brighter and brighter.

Rishabh C. Sharma (553 JA, 1994) Director Development & Alumni Relations



## CHANDBAGH UPDATE

# Chandbagh

## New Master's Housing Project

- The new Masters Housing project was inaugurated in October 2014 by the Chairman, Mr Gautam Thapar.
- 18 new condominiums will be built near Jaipur House and behind Oberoi House.
- The project has been funded by Old Boys based in the United States of America and school surplus.
- Project is expected to be completed by June 2016 at a cost of Rs 16 crores.





# Indoor Sports Complex (planning phase)

- The fund raising campaign for the new Indoor Sports Complex was launched in October 2014 with a foundation stone laying ceremony by Padma Shri Gurdial Singh and supported by the Class of 1964.
- The new indoor sports complex will include two Basketball Courts, a Shooting Range, a Multi-Gym, a Gymnastics Room, Boxing Ring, Rock Climbing Wall,

Badminton Courts, Table Tennis Room, PE Room, and a Yoga Room.

- Construction is expected to start in 2018 and at a budget of Rs 18 crores.
- We have pledges for around Rs 10 cr. and would appreciate your support in helping complete the project.

## KEY AREA OF SUPPORT

# SMART CLASSROOMS



## WHAT IS A SMART CLASS?

A well designed space that inspires the student, encourages creativity and promotes collaboration between the peers.

Connecting indoor spaces to

- Natural Light
- Windows with views of the outside world
- Natural materials and finishes such as wood and stone



As a part of the class room upgrade campaign, Sunjay Kapur (147 HA, 1990) sponsored a Mathematics classroom in memory of his father, the late Dr Surinder Kapur.The classroom was inaugurated on Founder's Day 2015 by Sunjay Kapur.

The Doon School Old Boys' Society sponsored a Humanities classroom to support the school in its efforts to upgrade all the classes to smart classrooms. RPN Singh and Jaswinder Singh Bull, the current President and Vice President of the DSOBS inaugurated the classroom on Founder's Day 2015.



- The Doon School prides itself on having state-of-the-art teaching practices and modern classrooms form a key element of this philosophy.
- The modern classroom worldwide has flexibility of teaching and learning, whereby small groups can work on different assignments simultaneously, along with the latest digital projection and acoustic systems.
- This helps the teacher to cater to specific needs of different student groups resulting in a more creative and productive teaching environment.
- The Doon School is launching an ambitious project for converting all classrooms in the Main Building into smart classes which

will encourage creativity and promote collaboration with emphasis on natural light, natural materials and proximity to nature.

- Presently two classes have been upgraded and with your support we hope to do this for all 28 classrooms in the Main Building.
- We invite Old Boys from different batches to come together to sponsor classrooms for Rs 25 lacs each.
- Your contribution will be recognised in an etched brass plaque in the classroom.
- Here is your chance to give back to the school that gave you so much. Support your school!
- 29 Classrooms: 3 funded, 26 remaining

## **Scholarship and Bursary**

Promising a Doon School Education for the most deserving

- The Doon School offers financial aid in the form of scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships are merit based, and Bursaries are need based forms for financial aid. These are designed to attract deserving boys irrespective of parental income.
- As the Government of India Scholarship programme has been discontinued, the school has taken it upon itself to ensure that boys continue to get need based scholarships with some boys receiving up to 120% financial aid.
- Your contribution will build up the school's scholarship and bursary corpus by helping secure the necessary financial support for both current and future generations of talented boys. Currently nearly 35% of the students receive some form of financial aid.

## GIVING BACK TO SCHOOL

# Dr Surinder Kapur Memorial Science Scholarship

Although Dr Surinder Kapur was not a dosco, his life embodied the essence of what Doon aspires its students to be.

And he had great regard and respect for Doon: both his son Sunjay and nephew Sunandan are proud doscos.

Surinder (Suri) was born in a leading jeweller family of Delhi. He was passionate about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This love motivated him to earn a PhD in mechanical engineering from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, USA.

On his return to India he founded the Sona group which is one of India's leading auto component conglomerates. His endeavour is widely respected for its deep knowledge, scrupulous honesty, world class manufacturing in an environment of learning and care. Especially care for the 'small guy'. His pioneering initiatives earned him wide recognition in India and the outside world. There is hardly a policy in our country related to the auto industry, HR, or technology which has not had invaluable inputs of Suri in its making.

He was a man of insatiable curiosity. In his relentless pursuit of wanting to learn more, he was equally interested in its practical application. And sharing what he learned.

For me and my start-up company, this was an unearned gift. Without any reason of referral, recommendation, acquaintance, or relationship, he took me on as a teacher does a favourite student. He also joined the board of our company Asahi India (AIS) and served on it outstandingly for 29 years till his untimely passing away on 30/6/2015. It is not possible to describe the value he added.

The best that can be done to honour his contribution and memory is to continue his passion. His curiosity, love for knowledge, lifelong interest in science, technology, and mathematics and its application in building a world class industry in India, and most importantly his instinctive love to teach.

As a dosco and student of Suri I am keen to keep his lamp of knowledge burning by supporting The Dr Surinder Kapur Memorial Science Scholarship, a need and merit based financial aid scholarship sponsored and funded by AIS. I hope we can help in some small way to encourage bright young men in the study of science for the benefit of society.

## **Sanjay Labroo** (552 TA, 1980)

## Class of 1965

The Class of 1965 has donated a sum of Rs 25 lacs towards the education of Girl Children of the support staff at School.

# Chandbagh

## The DOSCENT United Kingdom Full Scholarship

The DOSCENT United Kingdom Full Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship established by The Doon School English Charitable Trust (DOSCENT) domiciled in the United Kingdom.

The trustees of DOSCENT have shared the vision of the school and collected over Rs one crore from Old Boys and Friends of the Doon School based in the UK to fund this scholarship.

The scholarship will allow a boy from an economically weak section to receive a Doon School education. The funds being raised are expected to finance a series of 3 scholarships over 18 years with each student joining in D Form (class 7) and graduating in SC Form (class 12). Upon graduation of the first student, the balance amount remaining in the corpus will finance the next chosen student in the name of DOSCENT scholarship. The scholarships will not run concurrently but will run successively, i.e. over an 18 years period.

A big thank you to the following donors for their contribution.

Ravi Bulchandani (609KA -1979) Sharad Rathke (180 KA - 1990) Raghav Maliah (267 JA - 1991) Umesh Sahai (320 J - 1959) Sanjeev K Mehra (359 JB -1975) Alok Oberoi (837 JB - 1981) Gautam Thapar (200 H -1979) Shomit Mitter (314 KA -1976) Mohie Ranjan Das (194 H - 1967) Nikhil A Mehta (251 T -1972) Erich Schlaikjer (Friend of Doon) Navneet Bali (390 KB- 1971) Sharan Pasricha (245 H -1998)

## The Chhota Hazri Fund

was launched on Founders Day 2015. This fund is the annual fund raising activity that encourages Old Boys and parents alike to contribute in any capacity.

Each contribution to the Chhota Hazri fund goes towards supporting the school in delivering a world class education to our boys.

Chhota Hazri contributions go directly into the operating budget, to meet day-to-day expenses of running the school.While our revenues marginally exceed our expenses, the Chhota Hazri Fund provides us with the resources to be able to meet our most pressing needs.All contributions are equally important to us.

As the "gap" between income and expenses varies annually, we hope to use the Chhota Hazri Fund to supplement projects that need immediate attention. We hope that every member of our community will participate generously on an annual basis. We would appreciate a minimum contribution of Rs 5,000/-(Indian Residents) or US\$ 100.

To thank you for your contribution, you will receive a retro Chhota Hazri cup for your morning Chhots.



## Donors: February 2014 - April 2016

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## FUND RAISING/DONATIONS



How to donate, tax benefits

## In India

For donations made in Indian rupees, tax rebate under section 80G of the Income Tax Act is available to donors.

#### 1. Cheque

Cheques/drafts should be in favour of 'Indian Public Schools Society' and may be sent to:

Rishabh C. Sharma Director of Development & Alumni Relations, The Doon School, Mall Road, Dehradun 248 001 Uttarakhand, India

Tel: (O) +91.135.252 6466

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Email: dar@doonschool.com

#### 2. To pay by wire transfer (in India)

Name of Beneficiary: Indian Public Schools Society

Address of Beneficiary: The Doon School, Mall Road, Dehradun 248 001 (India)

Beneficiary's Bank Name & Address: HDFC Bank Ltd. 56, Rajpur Road, Dehradun 248 001 (India)

Beneficiary A/c No. 02251000070620

RTGS/NEFT IFSC (for National): HDFC0000225

Purpose of Remittance

#### 3. To pay by wire transfer (from overseas)

Name of Beneficiary: Indian Public Schools Society

Address of Beneficiary: The Doon School, Mall Road, Dehradun 248 001 (India)

Beneficiary's Bank Name & Address: HDFC Bank Ltd., 6, Rajpur Road, Dehradun 248 001 (India)

Beneficiary A/c No.: 02251170000012

Swift Code: HDFCINBB

Purpose of Remittance

#### 4. Credit/Debit card payment

on the school website www.doonschool.com, via a secured payment gateway from HDFC Bank.

## In the UK

Old Boys in the UK can donate through the DOSCENT Trust in London, which was set up by the School in 1985 to receive donations at the time of the School's Golden Jubilee.

The Doon School English Charitable Trust (DOSCENT Trust) is registered as a Charity in England and Wales under Registration no-290238. As such, it can get benefits on donations received from individuals and Companies.

Individuals can make donations under a Gift Aid Scheme and the charity can claim back tax at the basic rate of tax. Gifts made by individual donors must be from their own money and they must pay or have paid sufficient UK tax for the same tax year as the donation is made to cover the repayment that will be claimed by the charity.

Companies in Britain are also entitled to make gifts to charities under the Gift Aid Scheme, and obtain tax relief on their payments. The full amount of the donation can be deducted by Companies from their total profits in their corporate tax computation.

The bank details of the Trust are as follows:

Name of Bank: Lloyds TSB

*Name of Account:* Doon School English Charitable Trust

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Account Number: 27326368

Customers BIC: LOYDGB21647

Customers IBAN: GB79 LOYD 3062 6027 3263 68

For further details, contact the following:

- Sharad Rathke Sharad.Rathke@svgcapital.com
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## In the US

Old Boys resident in the US can donate through the 'Friends of The Doon School' to obtain tax relief under US IRS 501 C (3). The donor gets a tax deduction equal to the amount of contribution. So if he donated \$100 and his marginal tax rate is 35%, he will get to reduce his taxes by \$35.

By personal check: A personal check should be made payable to *Friends of Doon School* and mail to *Oppenhiemer ざ Co. Inc Account.* 

Attn: Moe Bajaj, 13455 Noel Road, #1200, Dallas, TX 75240

Please note account # G79-1334001 anywhere on your check.

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