# A look back on our impact in 2024



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James Marshall Foundation CIO

# Changing lives by growing the potential of financially disadvantaged young people in our local community

Charity No: 1181004

#### In 2024 our grants included:

- £60,000 was awarded towards residential educational trips for 184 young people.
- £49,000 was awarded towards school uniform for **302** young people.
- £36,000 was awarded towards helping 40 young people in further education/work.
- £34,000 was awarded towards extra-curricular activities for 224 young people.
- £19,000 was awarded towards laptops/digital devices for 76 young people.



## **Spotlight on music:**

In 2024 we

## provided 32 grants towards individual music lessons.

Research shows that music lessons have a positive influence on self-esteem, and feedback highlights the enjoyment applicants take from developing their skills, and making music with others. Several previous applicants now have careers in the music industry.

"X's passion for music has been a transformative influence in their life. Receiving this grant provides invaluable opportunities to continue their musical talent..."

## Making a difference:

We are delighted to let you know that the James Marshall Foundation had another strong year in 2024,

#### awarding £200,000 in eductional or career-related grants

to financially disadvantaged young people living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.

The team worked incredibly hard, awarding close to **850 individual grants** 

to young people aged between 4 - 24.



"The grants mean students get access to opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have access to."

(Local seconday school)



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### Career choices of some previous JMF applicants



#### Launch of our new website:

We have launched a newly re-designed website, which provides clear, accessible information about our grants, making it easier for individuals in the community to understand who can apply for funding, and for what purpose. The confidential application process itself remains completely unchanged, but the new website offers a more user-friendly design, structured to ensure that potential applicants can quickly determine if they qualify for grants and how to apply.

#### New careers advice offering

We are delighted to have recently introduced a new grant offering, aimed at our post school applicants. We are working with a careers advisor who can offer 18-24 year olds a confidential career advisory session(s). These are designed to help identify an appropriate career choice, determine how best to access the job market, identify the right educational and training routes, and support young people with short or longer term career planning.



# Transforming lives through giving



Making a donation or fundraising can truly make a difference to a charitable organisation, creating a lasting impact and serving as an investment in future generations. In 2025/26 our key priority is to help more applicants be able to secure work opportunities.

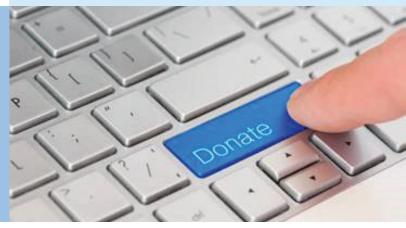
Donations to JMF can now be made directly by:

Clicking the CAF Donate button
on our website.

A huge thank you to the Harpenden Golf Club and it's members for all the kind donations, enabling us to:

Boost our offerings around extra-curricular activities for school-age children.

Extend our focus on our post school offerings, including the introduction of our new careers advice session(s) offering for 18-24 year olds.



## Thank you!

The trustees and staff would like to thank all the schools, colleges, local organisations and others we work with who refer applicants to JMF, and help us deliver our funding effectively.

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