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Reimagining
Learning Spaces

High School
Renovation
Project



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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL DR CRAIG COOK



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Dear Woodstock Alumni, Parents & Friends,

Having been on campus these last months, one of my greatest joys as Principal of Woodstock School is to meet alumni and parents, which happens more frequently than you might imagine. Out of every encounter I have with Woodstock alumni is their love for this unique school on the hillsides of Mussoorie. Their love for the school and the community is borne out of the investment of so many that have gone before who gave sacrificially to Woodstock students with whom they had been entrusted. My interactions with parents of students at Woodstock School has given me great belief in their understanding of this great institution and what it truly represents. Their willingness and enthusiasm to assist the school as we look at the future of Woodstock has been more than reassuring.

For so many of our alumni, the place itself has become sacred as it's informed their life choices, their careers, and for many life-long relationships that were forged in dormitories, and pitches, courts, and in the classrooms of Woodstock.

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In continuing to move Woodstock School to be the international educational leader in Asia that it is, I see three threads of growth that will help us fulfill our mission of equipping students to be ethical and visionary leaders in life and learning.

One, we will continue to find ways to leverage the strength of our surrounding environment, crafting leaders who are environmentally savvy with a bent for outdoor leadership. Second, we will continue to prepare students to learn and lead in the digital realm as 21st century difference makers. Third, as a bridge which connects the natural world with the digital world, we seek to create inter-disciplinary spaces for our students to give them the tools and problem-solving skills that one needs in order to address the complexity of our modern age. As you think about the impact that Woodstock has had on your own life and the lives of your children, please consider giving to one of our strategic projects.

I look forward to connecting with each of you on the hillside when you're back for a visit or at one of our many events around the world.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER SANJEEV PURI



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In November 2018, Woodstock embarked on a journey to create an updated Campus Master Plan for the first time in its history, with an aim to put our bold aspirations into physical form.

The plan lays out future growth for the Woodstock campus, and includes extensive analysis, space and classroom utilization, historic patterns and resources, land use, program accommodation and sustainability.

The Campus Master Plan takes into account a number of changes impacting the campus, many of which are due to the age of our buildings, changing learning methods, increasing expectations of students, their parents, the community at large, globalization of the industry and education at large; environmental awareness of the fragileness of our planet; and financial realities. It is a unique and distinguishing aspect of Woodstock’s future strategy, and represents the boldness and ambition of our educational vision. Like any strategic transformation, it will require a deep commitment from the school and the global community that supports it.

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However, the dream of a renewed, rejuvenated campus will require us to secure investment from diverse sources. We look forward to the generosity of the school’s alumni, parents, partners, and friends as we realize this inspiring vision.

There is a lot of exciting work in progress and we look forward to keeping you updated. Thank you for partnering with us as we embark on this powerful journey!

WOODSTOCK 1854 - 2021

Woodstock School was organised by a group of English Women, members of the Society for Promoting Female Education. In 1856, two years later, it moved to its present location. The school was then shifted to Upper Woodstock and Woodstock Cottage (now Tafton) and was known as the Protestant Girl's School. The name was changed in 1861 to Woodstock School. Here is a glimpse of our development journey over the last several decades.

First class held below Library Bazaar	School moved to its present location	School name changed to Woodstock	Property bought including Elementary, Middle and High School building	Building of the Music cells and the top verandah	Quad buildings added	Acquisition of Midlands and the surrounding estate	High School building built	Parker Hall inaugurated	Development of Hanson field	Ridgewood built for junior boys	The Hindustani Church was built	Chlorination Unit gifted to the school	Inauguration of the Vera Marley Library	Alter Ridge inaugurated	Media Center established	Hanifl Centre established	Midlands renovated	Hostel renovated	Win Mumby Gym built	Alter Ridge renovated	Renovation of Quad Dining Hall
1854	1856	1861	1872	1902 to 1907	1906 to 1912	1911	1929	1932	1936 to 1938	1941	1954	1963	1970	1982	1993	2003	2004	2010	2012	2017	



THE FUTURE

The last 15 years have seen the Woodstock Administration and Board engaged in countless discussions on the scope and scale of the school’s comprehensive renovation and the result has been a Campus Master Plan which focuses on renovating various parts of the school’s campus in a phased manner.

High School Main Floor Renovation

In Progress
To be Completed by January 2020

Quad School Top Floor Renovation

To be kicked off in October 2020
To be completed by January 2021

Redevelopment of Tafton as Centre for Imagination

To be kicked off in January 2020
To be Completed by June 2021

Redevelopment of Tehri View as a new Science Building

To be kicked off in January 2020
To be Completed by June 2021

Your donation will make a world of difference to Woodstock School. It will allow our students and teachers to experience the very best education in an outstanding environment.

We encourage you to join us as we embark on this ambitious project.

HIGH SCHOOL MAIN FLOOR RENOVATION

9,800 square feet to be renovated by Jan 2020
North Section of the main floor
of the High School Building

Amount to be raised:
\$450,000

The renovation of the main floor of the High School Building is one of the key projects identified as part of the Campus Renovation Strategy within the Campus Master Plan for Woodstock School 2019 and is a Board approved project.

Renovation areas:

If you are interested in funding any of the heads mentioned below, here's a glimpse into how much the projects will cost the school: *

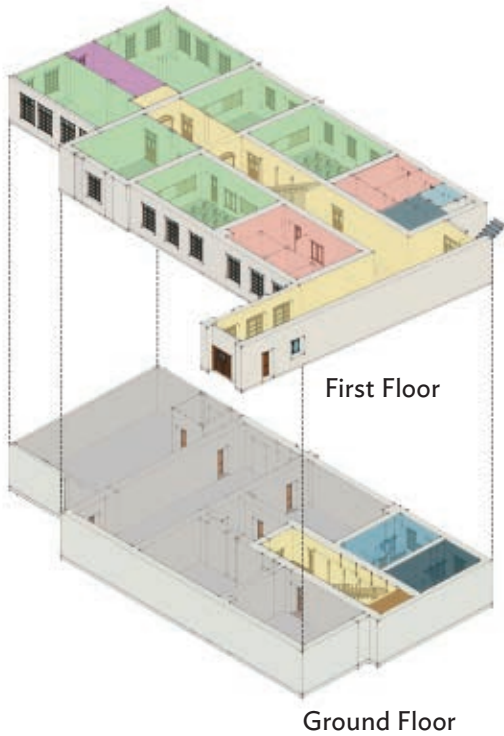
- Offices: \$82,500**
- Five Classrooms: \$167,000**
- Restrooms for staff & students: \$71,000**
- Main corridor & staircase: \$89,600**

Other areas:

- Signages: \$800**
- Water stations \$3,900**
- Fire fighting systems: \$14,000**
- Electrical upgrades: \$7,100**
- Emergency doors: \$1,200**
- Student lockers: \$14,300**

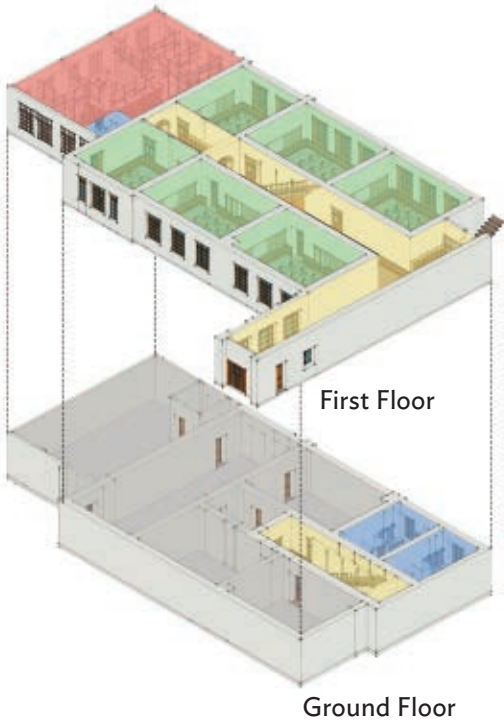
* Please note these numbers are approximates and only give a glimpse into the projects.

AXONOMETRIC VIEW OF THE
MAIN FLOOR OF THE EXISTING
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



AXONOMETRIC VIEW OF THE
RENOVATION PROPOSAL FOR
THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE HIGH
SCHOOL BUILDING

- Classroom
- Hallway
- Offices
- Male Washroom (Staff)
- Female Washroom (Staff)
- Staircase
- Maths Lab
- Store



These new Upper Years classrooms will feature warm lighting, clear acoustics, adaptive learning spaces, insulation from the cold and damp, and design elements from our local Himalayan environment.

Ethan Van Drunen, Vice Principal



Woodstock needs learning spaces which reflect our school’s values of inclusivity, collaboration, and treading lightly on the earth.

The new classrooms at the school will greatly help us succeed in IB as it will provide a warm and positive learning atmosphere. The student community looks forward to this change with enthusiasm and hope.

Jigmet Angmo, Class of 2021



New classrooms will enable us to focus better and work diligently towards achieving our goals.

‘Eliciting greatness’ also requires all friends and well-wishers of this enduring institution to step up and modernise our classrooms, and walk the talk in terms of environmentally - friendly technologies- especially energy use.

Darab Nagarwalla, Class of 1980



Woodstock is undoubtedly a very special place with its share of inspirational teachers that bring their subject alive with dedication and effort.

Respecting the heritage while ensuring classrooms support today’s and tomorrow’s learning needs. I’m excited to see how the spaces will be refreshed and enhanced to support learning and create interactive zones for students and teachers.

Renee Bowling, Head of Upper Years



Our historic facilities are being restored to their original footprint.

We are at a key juncture in the history of Woodstock where adapting to modern facilities and upgrading our teaching technology has become key to our development and successful learning outcomes.

Nazneen Nagarwalla, Head of Enrichment



We need to build an environment where our children can feel like they are a part of the ever evolving fast paced world, yet nestled and safe in the beautiful Himalayan foothills.

Woodstock offers a world-class learning experience and I'm glad to see that we are also steering our architectural prospects to advanced technology and an environment most conducive to learning.

Veer Arya, Class of 2020



We are all looking forward to the refurbishment of the high school building!

FUTURE DONATION PROJECTS

QUAD SCHOOL TOP FLOOR RENOVATION

To be completed by Jan 2021

Renovation of our Middle School including the classrooms and music studios. Focus on repairing the roof to ensure safety and improve lighting facilities where possible.

This area, (measuring 11,000 sq ft) contains classrooms, music studios and restrooms, and is almost the heart of our Middle school. All classrooms on the North side are currently separated by temporary partitions. Classrooms on the Western flank are against the mountainside and are fairly dark. The roof has not been repaired or redone over the last several decades, thus making the area accident prone. Plans with the architect are underway to give Quad Level 3 an upgrade it truly deserves.

REDEVELOPMENT OF TAFTON AS CENTRE FOR IMAGINATION:

To be completed by June 2021

Renovation of the indoor and outdoor spaces including the gardens and walkways.

Renovation plans for the Centre For Imagination involve shaping both the inside space and the surrounding gardens and walkways into innovative, inspiring learning areas that blend with the now well-developed aesthetic that has informed renovations around the campus.

REDEVELOPMENT OF TEHRI VIEW AS A NEW SCIENCE BUILDING:

To be completed by June 2021

Build Laboratory spaces including three multipurpose labs, exhibition and prep spaces along with a staff office, toilet facilities and better safety.

The addition of the Science building at Tehri View will provide us with an excellent opportunity to reorganize classrooms, instructional labs, along with research and support space to better match contemporary science teaching methods and demands of the IB curriculum.

The plan includes a main building and annex with 12,100 sqft and 1,078 sqft of floor space respectively, approved by the Board and the Mussoorie Municipal Board.



Science building at Tehri View
Architectural Render by Aishwarya Tipnis Architects



TYPES OF DONATION

Class Gift

Alumni from a certain class often come together to collectively raise funds for a special large gift to the school. Since we are currently raising funds for the renovation of the High School, a class gift could include donation for the construction of an entire classroom, a corridor, staff working spaces amongst other such options. A class gift is a group coming together to donate towards a common cause.

Open Donations

These are unrestricted funds where donors choose to contribute towards a fund, such as the Woodstock School Fund for Excellence, where the school will make use of these funds in areas where it is most required. These funds are utilised as per the need of the hour.

Project Specific Donations

This is a restricted fund that you can contribute to which is meant for a specific project of your choice. For example, exclusively contributing towards the Centre for Imagination building or toward the building of the Science Facility.

Planned Giving

Planned gifts, of any size, can have a significant impact on Woodstock School. These gifts allow you to support our students, programmes, and campus far into the future while potentially also providing tax and other benefits to you and your family. If you wish to support Woodstock this way, we invite you to contact us to discuss a planned gift or to make a bequest to Woodstock School.

Lyre Tree Society

The Lyre Tree Society is named after the beloved tree, now gone, that overlooked the Doon Valley on the Woodstock School Campus. Membership is open to anyone who simply notifies Woodstock or FWS that he or she had taken formal steps to support Woodstock directly or FWS through their estate or gift planning.

For more information on the society, please email David Wheeler on dwheeler@fwsfoundation.org

To notify us of your bequest, please email development@woodstock.ac.in

Lyre tree, 1933 on the Woodstock property, which inspired the Woodstock School logo

HOW TO DONATE

Residents of the USA

Donations can be made to **Friends of Woodstock School Foundation (FWS)**, an independent 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Organization. FWS supports the educational mission and purposes of Woodstock School and welcomes your donations. Your donations to FWS are tax exempt in accordance with US law.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Residents of Canada

You can donate through **Canadian Friends of Woodstock School**, which is a registered charity and separate entity from USA's Friends of Woodstock School. Visit their link at www.canadahelps.org to make an online donation. Put Canadian Friends of Woodstock School in the Find a Charity search cell. Or, mail a donation to:

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Vancouver, BC, V6C 3P1 Canada
Attn: Canadian Friends of Woodstock School

Residents of India

Donations can be made directly to Woodstock School by residents of India and are eligible for tax benefit under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Rest of the World Donors

Donors who are not eligible for tax relief in the US or India should check the regulations in the country in which they are resident to establish whether tax-relief is available on their donation.

Tax Relief on Your Donation

Depending upon your personal circumstances, you may be able to maximise your donation by claiming tax-relief.

Online via our secure website

Our website provides a simple and secure way to make a donation to Woodstock School. Visit our donation portal, enter your details, select the amount you want to give and select the area you'd like to support. You can choose to pay by card or bank transfer.

[Click here to visit our Donation Portal](#)

Bank Transfer

Our online donation portal is a safe and secure way of donating by bank transfer.

If you need assistance in making a bank transfer, please contact our office at development@woodstock.ac.in

Credit Card or Cheque

By Credit Card: Donors can call the Finance office on 0135-2639120 or 0135-2639121

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ARJUN PURI



For the school to take strides towards a brighter tomorrow, it is time for us to rebuild and renovate the campus now. The Woodstock School community has always believed in paying it forward and generations before us have shown the way.

“In sketching the history of Mussoorie and vicinity and in trying to describe to those who have never had the privilege of visiting the Himalayas, what this hill station is like, one is reminded of the following story. A young missionary wife was expecting her parents to come from America for a visit. In order to prepare them in advance, detailed descriptions filled many letters. Numerous photographs and sketches were included. The young couple congratulated themselves upon being so forehanded. In due time the young lady’s parents arrived. It was a dull, rainy afternoon at the end of a long journey. The next morning, however, was bright and clear. When the older folks finally got up and looked out across the blue Tehri hills and down the deep valleys to the Dun, they gasped with astonishment and exclaimed, “Why didn’t you tell us it was like this?” The only suggestion we have, if you have never been to India, is to visit Mussoorie and Woodstock and see for yourself.”

R.L. Fleming Woodstock School Volume I -
The First Century 1854 - 1954

When I arrived in Mussoorie for the first time on the 24th August 2017, I felt similar to what the parents of the young lady must

have experienced back in the day. At the end of a long day of travel, I found myself staring out into the valley from my hotel room. I couldn’t see beyond the fog and mist but imagined what a magical sight it would be on a clear day. I didn’t have to hold on to my imagination for much longer, the morning after was as beautiful a day as one could have hoped for.

For those of us who have been privileged to have experienced life at Woodstock School, we have shared a common thread that has tied us together from 1854.

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I have no doubt that the community will come together and contribute generously towards reimagining our learning spaces so as to ensure future generations of Woodstock School students thrive and receive an education that allows them to make the world a better place.



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