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As part of Ludgrove's commitment to providing an outstanding all-round education, we are excited to share with you our ambitious plans to create one of the finest prep school scientific and creative learning environments in the country: the Exploration Centre.

Sympathetically designed in keeping with Ludgrove's architectural style, the Exploration Centre will be built adjacent to the Theatre and will house an IT suite with programming, coding and robotics; two new Science laboratories; Art and Ceramics studios; and a new Design Technology workshop.

Why?

Ludgrove aims to nurture and build its boys' character and confidence; and to provide them, at this important, early stage of their lives, with the other essential tools which will help them to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

We believe that the Exploration Centre will help fulfil that aim, by providing the boys with the best possible environment in which to explore the worlds of science, technology, design and the visual arts; to develop a curious mindset; and to think and apply themselves creatively.

Science and Technology provide the foundation for understanding the world. They are also subjects increasingly sought after by universities and employers in a marketplace where there is a shortage of graduates demonstrating scientific and technological skills. Fostering an early interest in, understanding of, and hopefully love for these subjects is vital in the 21st Century.

Art, Ceramics and Design Technology lessons, along with extra sessions, exhibitions and workshops, provide the boys with numerous opportunities to explore and develop their ideas, building self-confidence and team-work skills, and encouraging creativity. These are all crucial life skills, as well as bringing diversity and fun to school life.

The completion of the Theatre in 2014 provided a tremendous boost to the performing arts within the school and to life at Ludgrove in general: through plays, concerts, poetry recitations, speeches, debates, lunchtime recitals, boys regularly have a chance to perform in front of their peers and a wider audience which develops both character and confidence.

We believe that the Exploration Centre has the potential to be even more transformative.

When?

Planning permission has been granted and we hope to start building in August 2019 with a completion date of 1st September 2020, in time for the new academic year.

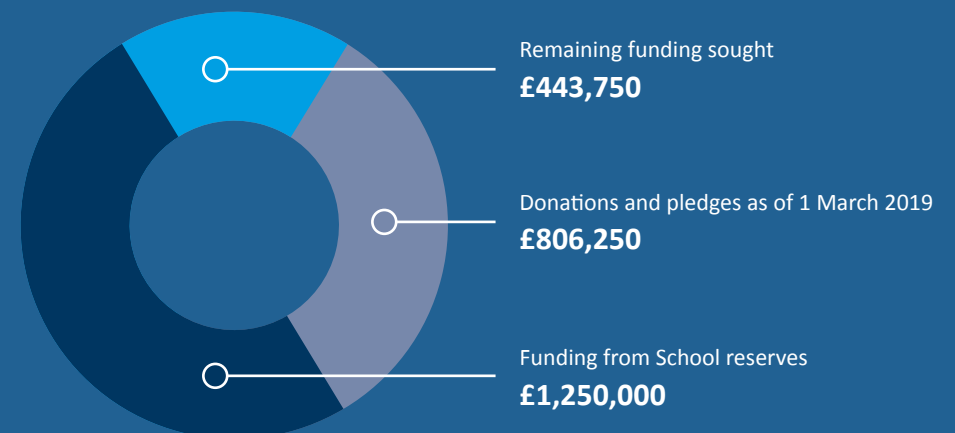


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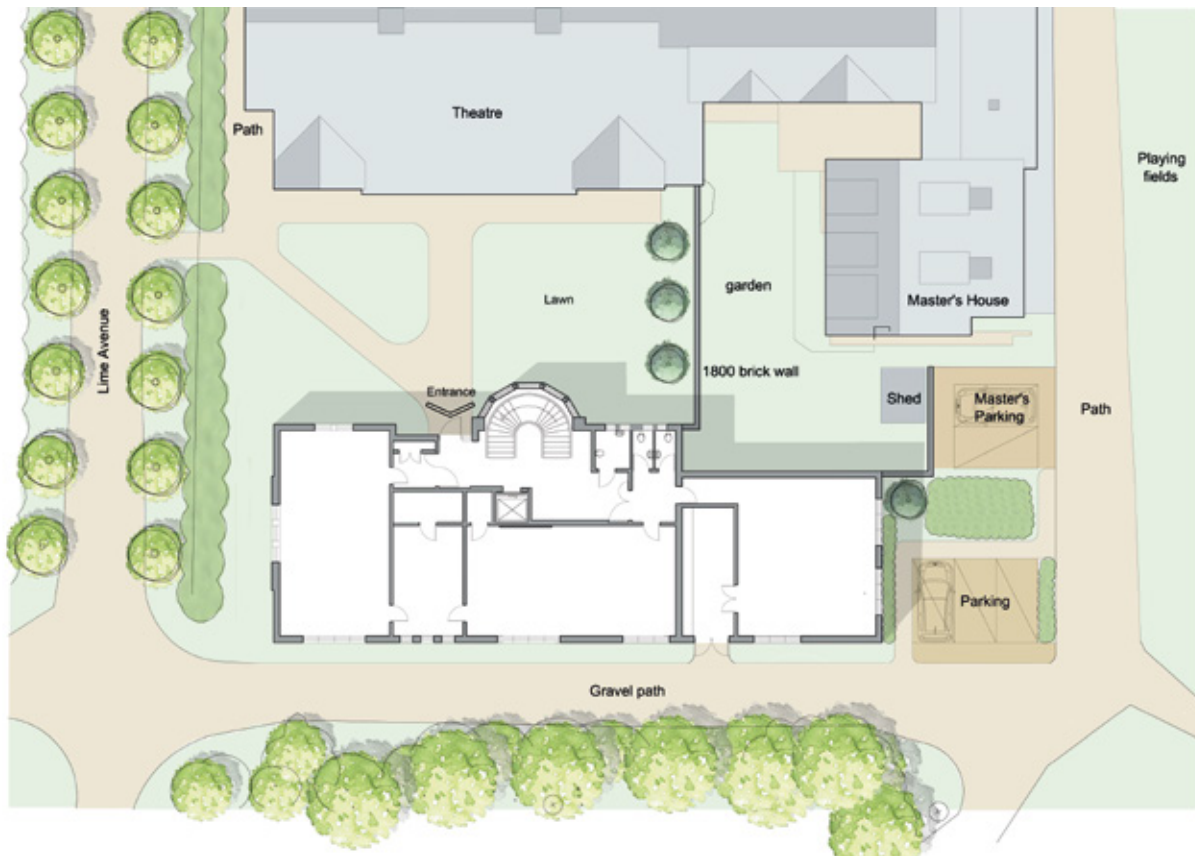
The project will cost £2.5million to deliver. The Board of Governors has agreed to invest £1.25million and has tasked the School with raising the remaining £1.25million before we start building.

We hope the whole of the Ludgrove community will be inspired to contribute at whatever level they are able to, to bring this exciting and ambitious project to fruition. Your support will be hugely appreciated by both present and future Ludgrovians.

Donations can be made online via the Ludgrove website at or using the enclosed donation form. If you would like to discuss the project further, please contact the Head of Development on **0118 978 9881** or by email at jossie.austen@ludgroveschool.co.uk.



Artist's impressions



Site Plan



North Elevation



South Elevation



East Elevation



West Elevation



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