

Dear Friends

Building a Brighter Future - Maharishi School Expansion project update

Over the past year, thanks to generous support, the school has made strong progress on its Expansion Project, from raising over **£10,000** and securing another **“Good” Ofsted rating**, to developing project plans and engaging with local leaders.

Our vision for the school is to bring the primary and secondary phases back together onto one site in a new home designed for the future. After 40 years of operation, now is the time for Maharishi School to achieve another major, progressive milestone in its development. Yet again, we are embarked on a transformative journey. You can see more detailed information about the project, including our new support document on the school website - maharishischool.com - under the “Expansion Project” heading.

Hopefully you’ve seen the email that went out from National on Akshaya Tritiya. In case you haven’t – here’s the news. **However, firstly, we want to thank all those who so generously donated or pledged to the project last year. Your generosity and investment in our students’ future is much appreciated and has enabled us to progress key aspects of the project.**

Since we initiated our Expansion Project a year ago Maharishi School has continued to develop and excel in various ways. Importantly, the school was inspected by Ofsted in July 2025, and again achieved a “Good” rating. We are particularly proud of this comment in the Ofsted report:

“Pupils are extremely well cared for in this nurturing school. Staff know each pupil individually. This helps staff to tailor support promoting pupils’ positive social, emotional and mental health. Pupils benefit from strong pastoral support. Pupils are happy and play harmoniously together at playtime..... In the secondary school’s recreational space pupils are free to explore their creativity. For example, the sound of a guitar and pupils singing softly floats in the air.”

Also in the last year, we have had visits to the school by the local MP, Ashley Dalton, and the Lancashire County Council cabinet member for education, Matthew Salter. Both were interested in what Maharishi School has to offer and were very supportive of our expansion project. We will be regularly updating Councillor Salter on our progress.

Several meetings have been held with Raja Peter, who is solidly behind the school’s proposals. As any new buildings will be built according to the principles of Maharishi Sthapatya Veda, Raja Peter consulted the international Vastu office on our behalf to check the suitability of our preferred site. We are pleased to say they confirmed it is suitable for the Maharishi School development.

We have developed draft site plans showing the buildings, sports fields, playgrounds and car parking, together with more detailed building plans, comprehensive accommodation schedules and costings, and other supporting statements. These enabled us to submit a Pre-Application

advice request to the planning department at West Lancashire Borough Council. After meetings with the planning team, we received their formal advice. This detailed the challenges any proposed development on the site would face, but also **indicated the strengths in the school's position, assisting us in a future formal planning application. We have also developed a good relationship with the landowners, who have shared information with us from their files.**

This project is about more than just bricks and mortar; it is about offering the next generation of students a more fulfilling life through the unique educational system of Consciousness-based Education. Your support will ensure that Maharishi School remains a beacon of educational excellence and holistic development.

Last year we raised over **£10,000** with minimal outreach—a testament to the dedication of our supporters. While we know we need, and will pursue, major philanthropic donors to bring the project to fruition, we will appreciate any support you can give.

We invite you to help us reach our initial target of **£2.5 million** to secure land and develop the essential infrastructure for an ideal facility. If you are able to support us, please do. You can contribute on our new Crowdfunder account - [Maharishi School building a brighter future](#) . Donating through Crowdfunder also allows for adding Gift Aid to your donation, increasing your contribution by 25%. For other ways to give or pledge, or to request a Gift Aid mandate, please email us at expansion@maharishischool.com

And finally, please spread the word - if you have any contacts with the resources to help further this important project in any way, please share our vision with them or connect them with us. All donations are strictly confidential and will be used exclusively for the realization of this project.

Thank you for helping us grow.

With best wishes

Maharishi School Expansion Team