

## Old Edwardians Centenary Appeal

# Restore King Edward VII Portrait!

Sadly deteriorating, the magnificent portrait of King Edward VII, painted whilst still King Regent, has hung above the western staircase of King Edward VII School since 1947. It had been discovered in the props room of the Empire Theatre, Alfreton having mysteriously appeared there during the war from the ballroom of the Rufford Abbey. As the theatre had little use for a life size painting of this particular monarch, they offered it to the school for 40 guineas.

The painting was executed by Lumley, Captain Augustus Savile 1855 – 1881. A captain in the Life Guards. Exhibited widely including the Royal Academy.

The Old Edwardians Committee have elected to mark the centenary of the school with an appeal to restore the painting and frame to their original standard and have gained quotations for this work in the order of £10,000. When restored to the school the lighting and positioning of the painting will be improved.

## OUR APPEAL

- £25 minimum appeal patrons fee
- Signed certificate
- Invitation to VIP event when painting restored
- Listing on old Edwardian's website

We are asking all Old Edwardians to consider supporting this appeal for the impact it will have on



contemporary and future students and staff. The occasion it will mark, the school centenary, justifies the restoration of an artifact of this stature.

By a contribution of a minimum £25, we intend to gain matched funding in order to begin the restoration task and plan for its return next year.

All patrons will receive a signed numbered certificate confirming their participation, and will be invited to the VIP party at the school on the occasion of the painting's restoration. The invitations will be sent out six weeks in advance of the occasion.





## PATRON FORM

Please complete the attached form and send with a cheque made out to “The Old Edwardians Association”. Additional forms can be downloaded on the old Edwardians website:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I enclose £25 or more £ \_\_\_\_\_ to become a patron of the Old Edwardian’s Centenary Appeal. You or your company will be sent a tax invoice to cover the donation on demand. Cheques should be addressed to Old Edwardians Association

And sent to:

The Old Edwardians Association of Sheffield, P.O.Box 3682, Sheffield S11 9ZU.