Schoolboy takes lead in armed forces fundraiser

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A Year 8 student has used the power of social media to raise money for Walking with the Wounded.

Thomas Miller, 14, who goes to Gresham’s School in Holt, donated £300 to the charity that supports former members of the armed forces.

He set up a Facebook page called Miller’s Mutts and Mares where people could share pictures of their four-legged friends and donate.

The page included Thomas’s own much-loved dog, Mabel.

He was inspired by the charity’s work to help support the re-training and re-education of wounded servicemen and women.

He said: “I wanted to pay tribute to these brave people and to our loyal four-legged friends who walk with us – our mutts, mares and moggies!”

“It was great to see so many people posting photographs of their much-loved, furry friends on my Facebook page and kindly making a donation at the same time.” The charity has since written to him to thank him for his good idea and to explain how his kind donation will be used to help finance new qualifications, courses and further education through their First Steps programme.

Walking with the Wounded was set up in 2010 to fund training and education to help former Armed Forces personnel find a career, so that they can support themselves and re-build a life in the civilian work place.

Thomas’s mother, Eliza, has also organised an event for the charity.

On Saturday, April 2, there will be a table top sale at the school to raise funds.