



Wallington
High School *For Girls*
HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

OUR SCHOOL FUND

Information Booklet

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WHAT IS OUR SCHOOL FUND?

Government funding for schools is under significant pressure. Over the past ten years we have seen a considerable reduction in the amount of money we have to invest in the facilities we provide for our students, and our ability to enrich their experience outside of the classroom.

Schools across the country have been hit by rising prices – including massive jumps to our energy bills – and increasing staff costs that have not been fully funded by the government.

More than ever, we are relying on the generous voluntary donations that parents, carers and alumnae contribute to provide the very best for our students.

Our School Fund empowers our school community to voluntarily support our extra curricula enrichment programme, and to help improve our facilities further.

We consider this provision a key part of our vision to provide a holistic experience for our young people, which focuses on social, cultural, and emotional capital as well as high academic achievement.

Our core values are **curiosity**, **courage** and **compassion**. Our School Fund gives us the resources to support our students in exploring these key development areas outside of their academic studies.

PAST PROJECTS IT HAS FUNDED

Over the past few years, projects that our School Fund has supported (either funding in full or helping us go beyond the 'basics') include:

- A major capital investment to build the school's sports hall, providing students with a high-quality, multipurpose facility that underpins our active and successful sports and physical education programme.
- The refurbishment of the outdoor space near the Theology and Philosophy block, creating a more pleasant external environment for the students, and reducing the mud and mess this creates around the site.
- The initial funding for a major project to improve our canteen and dining room, doubling the space for students to socialise in and creating more flat space for large group activities.
- Refurbishment of classrooms, IT rooms and formal Sixth Form study space to provide an environment more conducive to learning where students can develop their independent study skills in preparation for Higher Education.
- Resourcing our library and providing additional enrichment opportunities for students, such as trampolining, gymnastics and orchestra.

FUNDING FUTURE PROJECTS

In the future, we are asking for regular voluntary donations to enable this investment to continue, as well as raise funds to support a number of new projects.

For the 2023/24 academic year, we are running a major fundraising campaign to upgrade four of our science laboratories in the school – ensuring they meet the high expectations of our students – particularly at A level where there is so much demand. We have already secured £25,000 for the Garfield Weston Foundation and will continue to apply to various other external funding sources. But we need to raise at least £100,000 ourselves to make the project viable.

In addition to this:

- We would like to refurbish our current Sixth Form common room to create a more welcoming space for students to socialise in during break and lunchtimes and to create an informal study space. This would include more furniture and better AV equipment.
- We would like to increase the breadth and depth of our enrichment projects, giving us the resources to employ coaches to support our students' creativity such as visiting artists, authors and lecturers. This would also cover the costs of competitions - our students often get to regional / national finals which are often cost-prohibitive.
- When we complete the work on improving our canteen space, we also want to upgrade the external landscaping and outdoor social space around it is. This would give us higher quality social space which will improve student wellbeing and make the school site more welcoming and friendly.

Ms Tracey O'Brien
Headteacher



HOW MUCH TO DONATE

Obviously how much you choose to donate is a personal decision and entirely voluntary. Parents often ask us how much we think is reasonable.

Most parents donate £50 per month via direct debit, although some choose to donate more – it's entirely up to you. Every pound you give us, no matter the value, helps us deliver exciting and rewarding activities for your children.

Obviously, it makes it much easier for us to plan the usage of this investment if we receive regular donations rather than one off gifts.

WHAT IS GIFT AID?

As a member of the Girls' Learning Trust, Wallington High School for Girls has the same status as a charity. Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by the donor. This means we can claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation by a quarter.

You can find out more about Gift Aid here: www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid.

HOW TO DONATE

Donating money to the School Fund couldn't be easier. There are three different ways depending on your preference.

1. DIRECT DEBIT or DEBIT CARD (easiest for the school)

We have set up a special online account with trusted provider PayPal, where you are able to set up both regular donations via Direct Debit and make one-off donations to the fund.



www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=29TPL42XHDQ22

Please ensure you use the reference code YEAR / TUTOR GROUP (if known) / FULL NAME OF STUDENT to help us to identify it.

2. BANK TRANSFER

We are also able to receive donations via bank transfer. Please ensure you use the reference code YEAR / TUTOR GROUP (if known) / FULL NAME OF STUDENT to help us to identify it.

Account Number: 53368060
Sort Code: 30-98-36

If you choose to donate this way, we are only able to receive Gift Aid if you complete the attached form and return it to the School Office.

3. STANDING ORDER

For those who prefer to donate via standing order, we've attached the forms you'll need to complete to this information pack.

You can return these forms electronically by adding a scanned version of your signature, and then emailing this directly to us: finance@girlslearningtrust.org

Or you can print the forms and return them to via the School Office – where we also have hard copies already printed if that's easier.

STANDING ORDER FORM

Please complete, sign and return the standing order (and gift aid declaration if applicable) to: FAO School Fund, Wallington High School for Girls, Woodcote Road, Wallington SM6 0PH. We will then forward to your bank for processing.

Your full name and initials	
Your full address and postcode	
Name of bank or building society	
Address of bank or building society	
Sort code	-- / -- / --
Account number	-----
Name of account holder	
Payment Reference	YEAR / TUTOR GROUP (if known) / FULL NAME OF STUDENT

Please pay the following to: Lloyds Bank plc, 49/53 High Street, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 1DT (Sort Code 30-98-36, Account Number: 53368060) for the credit of the account of Girls Learning Trust T/A Wallington High School for Girls Account.

Amount	£
On the same date	Monthly / Quarterly / Annually
Date commencing	
Date finishing	

Signature	
Date	
Student name	

GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM

Completing this form boosts your donation by 25%. For example, for an annual donation of £600 this means another £150 is automatically added at no extra cost to yourself.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to Wallington High School for Girls.</p> <p>I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.</p>
Donor title	Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other
Donor full forenames	
Donor surname	
Donor full address and postcode	

Please notify the charity if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment Tax Return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

Donor signature	
Date	