



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 2025/26 academic year, we are continuing to run 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 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.
- We would like to upgrade the external landscaping and outdoor social space around the site. 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, by regular standing order 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.

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.

To enable us to claim Gift Aid, you need to:

- Be a UK taxpayer (Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax).
- Have paid at least as much in UK tax in that tax year as the amount of Gift Aid we will claim.
- Complete a simple Gift Aid declaration form by clicking on this link: [Gift Aid Declaration](#).

Gift Aid does not cost you anything extra, but it makes your donation go further.

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. BANK TRANSFER

You can donate directly from your bank app:

- **Account Name:** GIRLS LEARNING TRUST T/A WALLINGTON
- **Sort Code:** 30-98-36
- **Account Number:** 53368060
- **Reference:** *Year-TutorGroup-[ChildSurnameInitial]*

Please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration form linked above.

2. STANDING ORDER

For **regular donations**, simply set up a *standing order* in your online banking app using the same details:

- **Account Name:** GIRLS LEARNING TRUST T/A WALLINGTON

- **Sort Code:** 30-98-36
- **Account Number:** 53368060
- **Reference:** *Year-TutorGroup-[ChildSurnameInitial]*

Please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration form linked above.