



Carshalton High School for Girls
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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 both within and outside of the classroom.

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

Whilst we have been fortunate to secure funding from the local authority for developments such as our technology and art classrooms in F Block, and the science laboratory refurbishments – these budgets are now stretched beyond capacity.

More than ever before, 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 more rounded, holistic experience for our young people; focusing on social, cultural, and emotional capital as well as high academic achievement.

Two of our school values are **Be involved** and **Be ambitious**. Our School Fund gives us the resources to support our students in exploring these key development areas outside of their academic studies.

We believe that Carshalton High School for Girls should offer the very best for its students, your donations would enable us to continue to go the extra mile and invest in their futures.

Over the past few years, our School Fund has predominately been used to resource students and provide transport to extracurricular activities, including sporting fixtures and cultural trips. It has also been used to improve some of our social spaces.

FUNDING FUTURE PRIORITIES

Moving forward, we are asking for regular voluntary donations to enable this added investment to continue, as well as raise funds to support a number of new projects such as:

- We would like to establish new enrichment activities including the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, giving students further leadership development opportunities and space to grow their confidence.
- We are looking to create and maintain additional wellbeing spaces within the school grounds, giving students a calming space and environment.
- We would like to purchase additional sports kit and equipment for teams representing the school, giving students a sense of community, identity and achievement.

- We are looking at the outdoor furniture around the school, and want to create a more vibrant environment during lunch and break time for the students to socialise and relax in. This would include higher quality seating in the current old gymnasium, more planting, and a potential hedge round the external fence to give a more welcoming site.
- We are keen to invest in a new Sixth Form area outside the current Sixth Form block, giving our Year 12 and Year 13 students a higher quality social space.
- Lastly, we are also keen to invest more in our new school library, expanding the resources on offer to students, and higher quality furniture to enable more effective self-directed study.

Mr Peter Baumann-Winn
Headteacher



HOW MUCH TO DONATE

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

Most parents/carers have traditionally donated around £10 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.

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, Carshalton 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 two different ways depending on your preference.

1. 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: 40840860
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.

2. 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, Carshalton High School for Girls, West Street, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 2QX. 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: 40840860) for the credit of the account of CHSG School Fund.

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 Carshalton 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	