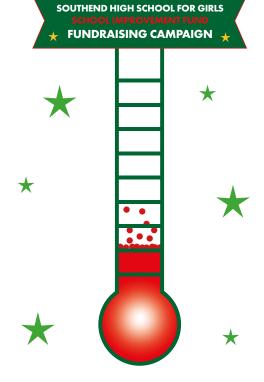


Southend High School for Girls

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND



We would like to invite you to contribute towards our School Improvement Fund.

Your financial support will ensure that we can continue to provide the very best state of the art facilities for our students.

Many of our existing parents have kindly agreed to make a regular donation to the school and we would be delighted if you would agree to do the same. Although parental contributions are voluntary, there are so valuable to us and can now be made in several ways. If circumstances allow, please find the method that suits you best.

WHY ARE YOUR DONATIONS SO IMPORTANT TO US?

Government Funding remains tight, and although we have secured some financial assistance from the Government towards some of our projects, much of the financial commitment still comes from the school's own funds. Your generous donations will allow us to make further significant changes to the school to enhance the facilities that we can offer to our students.



Some of the recent improvements that we have made include **'Scholars'** the new Sixth Form café, restoration of all of the flat roofs and the replacement of the original Crittal windows.

We have created a Year 13 **Quiet Study Area**, have replaced all our Science Classroom seating to make it more comfortable for the students whilst studying in those rooms for extended periods of time.

In addition, we have purchased around **200 laptops** for use by students in school and **every member of staff now has their own Laptop** which has proved invaluable in the delivery of online lessons to our students during Lockdown periods.

Future projects include exciting plans for the further enhancement of private study areas and the expansion and modernisation of the Main Library.

The size and scope of these projects will depend on financial contributions from parents.

We will be providing regular updates regarding our current fundraising project in the School Gazette – our online magazine, to make sure that parents know how valuable their donations are to us.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I DONATE?

The amount you choose to donate is entirely your choice, but we suggest an annual donation of £150 for each child at the school, **just £12.50** per month by standing order.







HOW CAN I DONATE?

- **Standing Order** these regular donations can be made monthly or annually; the choice is yours.
- ParentPay a Parent Pay activation letter will be sent to you shortly. Once you have set up your child's account you will be able to make regular or one-off donations.
- Online Donations Donations from parents, as well as grandparents and friends of the school who do not have a ParentPay account, can now easily be made using a link on the school website.
- **Cash or Cheque to the School Bank** please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration Form to make your gift tax efficient.

You will find the **Standing Order Mandate** and **Gift Aid Declaration** <u>here</u>. Please complete and return the original signed forms to **Mrs Croysdill** in the School Bank.

EVERY £1 DONATED TO THE SCHOOL UNDER GIFT AID IS WORTH £1.25 TO THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND SO PLEASE FILL IN A GIFT AID DECLARATION WHERE POSSIBLE. IF YOU ARE DONATING VIA PARENTPAY, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TICK THE BOX TO CONFIRM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DONATION TO BE GIFT AIDED.

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OUR THANKS TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS – WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE VERY BEST FACILITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE!

If you have any questions or would like additional information or advice about donations, please contact Mrs Karen Croysdill in the School Bank kcrowdll@chun.org or on 01702 588852 (ext. 267).

Many thanks.