

# **Parental Voluntary Contributions**

#### Dear Parents and Carers

I am exceptionally proud of this school, not only because of the outstanding examination results that our students and staff strive for each year, but because we develop such well-rounded and highly skilled individuals who are very well prepared to achieve incredible things during their lifetimes. It is my absolute priority to continue leading a school which goes from strength to strength in these respects. I would say that the most significant factor that currently puts this progress at risk is school funding.

As a selective school, our funding is unfortunately rather limited. This school has always dealt with this challenge extremely well by planning effectively and raising funds in ever more creative ways. We do, however, rely on Parent Voluntary Contributions more and more, not only to provide the extras that help create the amazing young people that I describe above but, also, to fund curriculum necessities like reasonable class sizes at A Level and a broad offering of GCSE and A Level options. This year, Parent Voluntary Contributions will help us:

- deliver our clubs and societies curriculum as part of the reformed school day;
- run smaller A Levels with class sizes below 14 (including French, Spanish, Art, Classics, Philosophy and Music);
- keep A Level class sizes below 25 in our most popular A Levels (Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Economics);
- staff Saturday sporting fixtures;
- run the Extended Project Qualification;
- provide the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for students in Y9 and above;
- run the WCGS Scout troop;
- staff table tennis provision for the year;
- maintain the school's sporting facilities at Clockhouse.

This work is vital in continuing to ensure that all our students receive the very highest quality education so that they can compete in the international job market with students from the likes of Eton and Harrow. It was particularly challenging last year with 32% of parents contributing as opposed to the 50% that would result in us meeting our target of £200,000. It would never be my choice to ask, but anything you can do to help us reach this target would be very much appreciated. Donating our recommended £35.00 a month would be absolutely wonderful but, of course, it is not only the school who are experiencing difficult financial times so I welcome any contribution however small.

I hope in the future to be able to reduce class sizes further meaning your sons and daughters will receive ever more personalised support, particularly at A Level. With your help we can make a real difference to our educational offer and reach ever greater heights. I enclose a payment option form should you be able to help in any way, and, if you can, thank you so, so much.

Yours faithfully

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Mr Jamie Bean Headmaster

# **Raising Parental Voluntary Contributions**

Our target is to raise Parental Voluntary Contributions to ensure at least 50% of families contribute an average of £35.00 a month. At the end of this document there is a detailed explanation of how you can support us.

If 50% of families contribute an average of £35.00 then this will = £229,950

## If 75% of families contribute an average of £35.00 then this will = £344,925

By raising Parental Voluntary Contributions we will be able to fund activities such as the following:

Funding School Plays Providing the School Orchestra with instruments Staffing costs in relation to Sixth Form enrichment activities Running School Clubs and Societies Funding development projects within Subject Areas to enhance learning Updating Teaching and Learning resources in specific Subject Areas Setting up the School's new WCGS Alumni Network The cost of running two minibuses Payments to sports coaches on Saturday mornings and after school Funding the School's rewards system including badges, ties and vouchers

With your help we can provide even more opportunities for your child and ensure we continue to grow our reputation as one of the best state schools in the country, proud of our students who develop into well-rounded and well-grounded young adults.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

### Payment options for voluntary parental contributions

We offer a number of convenient payment options to parents wishing to contribute, including:

- Standing order (a form for which is enclosed within this pack)
- Direct bank transfer from your bank account
- ParentPay

If you would like to contribute, please kindly select which option you would prefer:

- Standing order
- o Direct bank transfer
- o ParentPay

If your preference is for standing order, please complete the enclosed standing order and gift aid forms and return along with this page.

If you would prefer another method, please indicate your preference above and return this page. The finance department will then be in contact with you to confirm your payment reference. We would appreciate it if your unique reference number could be used on each donation to allow us to correctly identify and allocate the receipt.

### **Setting up Parental Voluntary Contributions**

The Trust would like to welcome Voluntary Contributions.

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.** Gift Aid is reclaimed by The Trust from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

#### Name of School/Trust \_\_\_\_

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

## My Details

Title	Forename	
Surname		
Address		Postcode
Signature		Date
Your Child's name	Form	

Please notify the school 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.

Please return to the Finance Officer at Wallington County Grammar School



#### **STANDING ORDER FORM**

**PARENTAL DONATION** 

Details of the account from which payments will be taken

Bank / Building Society Name:		
Branch :		
Address:		
Post Code:		
Details of the account to which payments will be made to		
Account holder's name:		
Account Number		
Sort Code: Signature		
Account Name: Wallington County Grammar School- School Fund		
Bank Name: LLOYDS		
Account Number: 40367860 (FOR FINANCE OFFICER'S USE ONLY)		
Sort Code: <b>30 98 36</b>		
Reference Number for Payment:		
Regular Payments: <b>£</b> Please pay on 1 <sup>st</sup> OR 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month.		
Date of first payment Date of last payment		
Your Details		
Title: First Name:		
Address:		
Post Code		
Student's nameForm		

Please send your completed form to the Finance Officer at WCGS. You will need to ensure the first payment is at least 14 days from the date of posting. If you are a UK taxpayer, then please make sure to complete the gift aid form so WCGS can claim an extra 25% on your donation. Thank you