

# Tonbridge Grammar School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Calling on our whole school community to support the Enrichment Programme 2022 - 2023

I am delighted to be giving you the details of this year's Enrichment Programme, designed for all students, each and every day.

This year's programme is giving students: Language Assistants who provide conversation practice and confidence in spoken foreign languages (including Japanese thanks to a grant award from Japan Foundation); a School Nurse; Careers advice; the school minibus; clubs and societies for Sport, Music, STEM, Debating, Arts; a Speaker Series, and school celebrations. I am also very proud and profoundly grateful for our fundraising which provides reading and research skills led by our Librarian in what the students rightly describe as a "calm and tranquil place" in the newly refurbished Library. We look forward to celebrating with our library benefactors including alumna Victoria Hislop.

As you know, the Enrichment Programme is not funded from the core general academic grant, but rather from our own fundraising. We can commit, at the very start of the school year, to such an extensive programme of these opportunities and activities worth over £100,000, thanks to generous on-going support from the school community and beyond. Thank you so very much.

I know that you share my commitment to offer students the very best possible opportunities and facilities over the years to come. We want to do this despite the very real financial challenges that face us all. After looking at the performance of the fund in previous years, and with perhaps a fresh pair of eyes as the new head teacher, I sincerely believe that we can continue the fundraising success with a simple change to the way we approach the Enrichment Appeal this year.

Simply, we all need to work together quickly.

I am asking all families to support the Enrichment Appeal 2022 - 2023: A gift where possible, or if not a gift, an expression of support. This combined measure will enable me to report 100% support in each year group. We are seeking to raise over £100,000 again this year and we need to know if this is going to be possible much sooner in the school year than usual. We are already working to navigate the financial challenges facing all schools. Pippa Blackstone manages Development confidentially, and I have asked her to keep me updated and I will report to you on progress after half term.



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**Guidance for Giving:**

Giving is confidential. Gifts of any size are important and are gratefully received. Planned giving, with a standing order or via a payroll scheme, helps to minimise administration and enables the School to forecast and plan ahead. A gift aid declaration boosts the value of a gift by 25p in each £1 given. For example, a monthly gift of £30 is worth £37.50 (equivalent to say one more book for the library). Giving profiles currently range between £10 and £100 monthly.

**Expressing Support:**

An expression of support is confidential. An expression of support removes you from the reminders and illustrates that you are behind the vital work we do to prepare our young people for life beyond the school gates. Support on behalf of all students in school demonstrates to the highly competitive Trusts we apply to that we are doing all we can.

**General information about the work of Development at Tonbridge Grammar School:**

The information on the [Support Us](#) pages of the school website offers an overview of our fundraising activity and impact.

**Supporting Every Student:**

The TGS educational experience is planned with everyone in mind, and no student should be left out, either inside or beyond the classroom. Please find more information about Supporting Every Student in the About Us section of our [school website](#).

I warmly encourage you to get in touch. Please direct your questions about Development and Alumni either to me directly, or to Pippa Blackstone Director of Development and Alumni Relations [pippablackstone@tgs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pippablackstone@tgs.kent.sch.uk) 01732 365125 x 221.

Yours sincerely,

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