

Thank you for Supporting Tonbridge Grammar School Summer 2022

Together we enrich lives and make a positive difference in our world

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I look back on my years at Tonbridge Grammar School with enormous pride and immense gratitude for all that been achieved together. This school is truly blessed to have trustees, staff, alumni, students, parents, carers and friends who share so much voluntary time, expertise and philanthropy, enabling the School to offer the very best possible opportunities in an inspiring environment.

Going forward, I know that all this will continue every single day and the School will go from strength to strength.

The School physically changes year on year, but the heart of the School remains very much as it has been for over 100 years. The real heart and legacy of this school is the people. I am in awe of everything you accomplish. As I start my retirement, I leave you with one final request; to stay in touch with Tonbridge Grammar School and shape its future as you have its past.

I wish you very well for the future, from the bottom of my heart.



Supporting TGS - Getting Involved - Helping at PTA events



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Fundraising Achievements

Inspiring Facilities

Over £20,000,000 added to the school estate since 2005

- Hands Building
- Science laboratories
- ✤ IBarn, Sixth Form
- Music Department
- ✤ All weather pitch, sprint track, cricket nets, levelled grass training
- ✤ A food outlet
- Wellbeing hub
- Environmental and wildflower meadow
- Fitness Suite
- Boilers, solar panels, fencing,
- Windows, lighting











An Annual Enrichment Programme 'Beyond the Classroom'

£100,000+ each year, inspiring lifetime learning and post school pathways











CAS, Volunteering



Sport for all Debating, Speakers



Explore Careers

Research skills, Reading, Library

Arts







Foreign Languages confidence

Celebrating TGS









We raise funds to give every student professional expertise, reading books and resources in our School library; a School Nurse; Languages oral conversation practice; a School minibus; independent Careers advice: co- curricular Sport, cocurricular Music, STEM and other lunchtime and after-school Clubs. School Fund also contributes to the costs of CAS Outreach, modest furniture repairs and for speakers to the HSE programme.

Supporting every single student

Education experiences at TGS are for all to access. Thanks to Wellbeing, SEND, and individual financial support; Pitchford, Debney Endowment Trust, for Pupil Premium and Sixth Form Promise.



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The Stats 21.22

Many hours of your voluntary and professional expertise has enriched learning and informed post school pathways. Thank you so much for

- Group classroom and lunchtime roundtable workshops
- Practice interviews for applications to Oxbridge, Medical School, and Veterinary College, and other Higher Education establishments requiring an entry interview
- Professional introductions on individual requests, including graduate apprenticeships
- One to one exploratory careers conversations
- Practical professional expertise to enrich school assignments
- · Whole year group interdisciplinary assemblies
- Music Society choir supporting events such as Spring Concert
- Inspiring careers talks, see TGS Connections pages. TGS alumni have a special bond with their school peers. Students can ask to listen to the recordings

£142,000 raised this year

Every gift and every expression of support makes a transformative impact

- ✓ **£113,000** raised, Enrichment School Fund
- ✓ **£28,000** raised, Facilities Development
- ✓ £6,250* Year 3 allocation of a benefactor gift to library books
- £1,700* raised, TGS Music Society
 £18,500*claimed, Gift Aid
- ✓ Gifts have ranged between £2 and £20,000
- 85% of all giving is planned (monthly, quarterly, annually). Extremely helpful for planning Enrichment Programme 22.23
- £50, £30, £20, and £10, are all popular instalments
- **75%** gifts and expressions, Year 7,8
- Joy's Legacy Programme has a new member







£37,000* Payroll giving raised

Payroll giving and tax efficient private charity giving schemes.

School often benefits from additional employer matched giving. Many corporates run schemes through their CSR programme. A corporate 'match' is applied to a gift ,or a 'match' may be in recognition of an employee's involvement at a fundraising event.

Private Trusts £1,000 award from Headstart, supporting Meredith's Space in the Library.

Corporate Sponsors are £250, £500, £2,500 and POA. We raise the profile of sponsors on copy and electronic publicity, TGS Connections corporates page, School webpages.

* included in the Enrichment and Facilities totals.



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Supporting TGS is

Sharing Time and Expertise It is impossible to quantify the value of voluntary time and expertise given to TGS : Helping events run smoothly, an extra pair of hands on a school visit; Practice interviews and talks to give students skills and inspirations for their post school decisions.

Why do we fundraise? We fundraise because our school community cares deeply about giving our young people the best possible start in life. Our fundraising successes are testament to why we fundraise.

The School as an exempt charity makes best possible use of HMRC Gift Aid incentives. £1 given with a gift aid declaration grows by an extra 25p. Payroll giving is also tax efficient.



Isabelle Year 7 is wearing Class of 1954 Sally's tunic

Enrichment School Fund The annual appeal calls on 'community' level support. Thanks to the level of planned giving, and some savings, the school can commit to the Enrichment Programme for the coming year. With just a couple of months left to the end of the financial year, we anticipate savings will meet a small shortfall in our fundraising this year. Giving this year, in such difficult times has been overwhelming.

Facilities Development Play Your Part capital campaign was successfully achieved in 2018. The sloping sport field was levelled to create two level tier grass training areas, and a floodlit all-weather pitch, a sprint track, and cricket nets. The new school vision will steer our fundraising for major facilities developments.

Joy's Legacy Programme Named after former teacher Miss Joy Debney when she came to tea and named the School in her will. We celebrate the programme on her birthday 31 March, to thank members for helping the School to thrive now and for future generations.

Debney Endowment Trust The School can extend financial support to individuals. DET was registered in July 2021 as a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) seed funded from a benefactor gift and from a proportion of Joy Debney's own legacy to the School.



Corporate Sponsorship offer TGS offers invoiced sponsorship packages and recognition, starting £250, £500, £1000 and POA.

Attending and helping to organise PTA events A great way to get together, and make new friends, and raise funds at the same time.

31 March 2022 Joy's Legacy Programme annual event, hosted by Year 7, inclusing an archive tour and modelling old school uniform

TGS Connections connect.tgs.kent.sch.uk An online community platform for alumni to network with each other and with school. Explore News, Events, Careers pages. Alumni are warmly invited to share their news to catch up and inspire the students who follow on behind you. Do get in touch to plan your reunions and do save the date each year for the annual school birthday. The 2023 will be on Saturday 22 or Saturday 29 January. If you have a preference let me know!

Thank you for your part in all that we can do. If you have read or seen something that especially resonates with you, do get in touch.

Click on the links: Supporting TGS - Getting Involved - Helping at PTA events

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