

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS



Withington
GIRLS' SCHOOL EST 1890

IMPACT

THAT LASTS A LIFETIME



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▶ THANK YOU! ◀

108 PUPILS SUPPORTED BY YOU THROUGH MEANS TESTED BURSARIES

65 OF YOU ARE **£20** DONATING PER MONTH

▶ SUPPORTING A WITHINGTON STUDENT WITH 100% BURSARY FUNDING FOR 1½ SCHOOL YEARS

£233,643
RAISED IN '2019/20

▶ BY 367 DONORS
THROUGH 2,546 SEPARATE GIFTS

OVER 60 VOLUNTEERS GAVE THEIR TIME TO SUPPORT CAREERS EVENTS IN 2019/20

BURSARY FUND

You have helped to maintain our support for 108 students who would otherwise miss out on a WGS education:

1:6 OF OUR SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS
RECEIVE BURSARY SUPPORT

33 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED FEE
SUPPORT OF 80% OR ABOVE

£832,460 INVESTED IN PROVIDING
BURSARIES IN 2020/21

Thank you to the following for their long-standing support of our Bursary Fund:

- Beaverbrooks Charitable Trust
- Peter Kershaw Trust
- Stoller Charitable Trust
- Zochonis Charitable Trust

BURSARY & HARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

£114,338.75 DONATED TO OUR BURSARY & HARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2020

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who responded to this appeal. A special thank you to the alumna wishing to remain anonymous who not only matched the first £12,633 donated (equivalent to a year's fees), but was so impressed with your response that she matched further donations received throughout August.

"In June it was already obvious that the coronavirus pandemic would have a catastrophic effect on many fee-paying families. I didn't want any pupil to have to leave WGS midway through their education. Immediate help in the form of additional bursaries and hardship funding was the only solution to the unprecedented crisis. I am absolutely delighted with the response from fellow alumnae and extremely proud of what we have achieved together as a community."

MATCH FUNDING ALUMNA

"Having the opportunity to attend Withington changed the direction of my life. Giving someone a bursary is also about giving them the confidence and a chance to believe in themselves. It means you are opening doors for girls who may not otherwise reach their full potential. I've never forgotten what the Bursary scheme did for me and how it has enabled me to develop. Without it, who knows where I might be?"

FORMER BURSARY RECIPIENT Now a corporate lawyer for a prestigious law firm.

AD LUCEM FUND

We are very grateful to all those who continue to support education at Withington through the Ad Lucem Fund. Despite restrictions to activities this year, donations to the Ad Lucem Fund have continued to support practical aspects of learning. This has included funding to host workshops to ameliorate the impact of Covid-19 on practical lessons for those studying GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition, as well as new specialist equipment for the Food & Nutrition Department. Just before Easter we hosted a Year 8 STEM Day with an Aircraft Challenge, live Science Magic Show and a careers session. It has been wonderful to be able to offer our students these kinds of opportunities once again.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

We have been able to support two teams from Withington to take part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme. Both teams, Sacola, and Modieus, have progressed well and came first and second respectively in a Dragons' Den style showcase before Easter. Both teams will compete virtually in the Manchester finals this Spring. We would like to extend grateful thanks to Joel Rosenblatt who, once again, has generously supported our teams' entry for this year's competition.

EMILY SIMON SOCIETY

The society recognises those who have pledged to remember Withington with a gift in their will. Their generosity will help to transform the educational experiences and opportunities for many future generations of girls and young women. We were delighted to host a virtual Christmas gathering for the society where we enjoyed a short seasonal recital recorded by the WGS Music Department with cake delivered to guests prior to the event.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Over the last very challenging year we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Withington community, not just financially, but with that most precious commodity – your time. So many of you have been willing to help support our students through our careers programme. This was evident at our International Women's Day Lower Sixth careers event in March 2020 and continued with our online RISE Live careers events and talks all through lockdown. For our Careers Convention 2021 your contributions enabled us to create an amazing resource of over 80 careers videos for our pupils, as well as supporting our live, online event. Thank you!

"It means so much more than just money, you have completely changed the course of a child's life and so thank you will never be enough, but I hope we can do you proud by using our Withington journey to make a positive difference in the world."

FARAH Year 13 Bursary Ambassador

"Your generous contributions have allowed pupils like me to shine and develop. Without you, I would not be the person I am today – in terms of mindset, skill set and mental maturity."

HANA Year 12 Bursary Ambassador

"To the people who have helped me by funding the Bursary Scheme, I can't thank you enough. Your generosity has allowed me to be a part of the Withington Community, accomplish things I never thought I'd achieve, and make some of my closest friends. Today, I can't see myself anywhere else other than at Withington. Your kindness will never be forgotten."

GRACE Year 12 Bursary Ambassador

"I don't think I'll ever be able to fully explain what having a bursary meant to me but I can promise you that, should you choose to give a child the same opportunity that the bursary fund gave me, it won't be wasted. Sparky, bright girls will take every opportunity Withington can give them and they will come out as sparky, bright adults who are so very, very grateful that a bursary donor opened the door for them."

DEIA Class of 2020 & former Bursary Ambassador



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