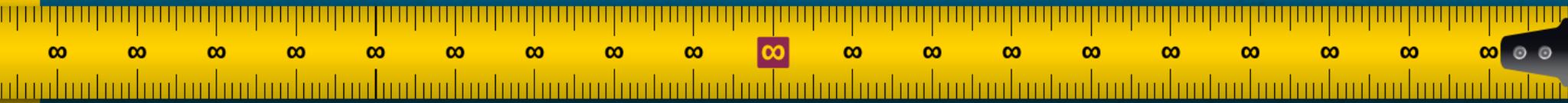


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THAT **YOU** ADD IS BEYOND MEASURE



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GIRLS' SCHOOL EST 1890



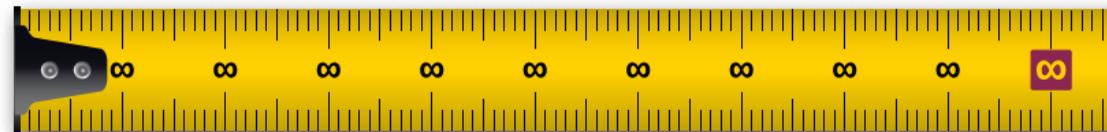
THE BURSARY FUND

Thank you to everyone who donates so generously to our Bursary Fund. It is true to say that all donations, whatever their size, make a big difference to those we support.

Providing bursary support to girls with potential, but who would not otherwise be able to benefit from a Withington education, is an integral part of our school's ethos. It allows us to uphold the principles of social cohesion, diversity and inclusion that have long been held dear at Withington.

Currently 1 in 6 of the pupils in the Senior School at Withington is supported by a bursary, with a third of bursary funding being directed to bursary recipients from the lowest income families who require support of 80% or more of the fees. The school's immediate aim is to increase overall bursary provision to 1 in 5 Senior School pupils, offering a range of bursaries awarded according to need and rigorously means-tested.

This means finding provision for an additional 10 - 12 bursary students and we want to do this in a manner that can be sustained for the long term. To support these additional bursaries in perpetuity will require donations totalling over £2 million. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to reach this target.

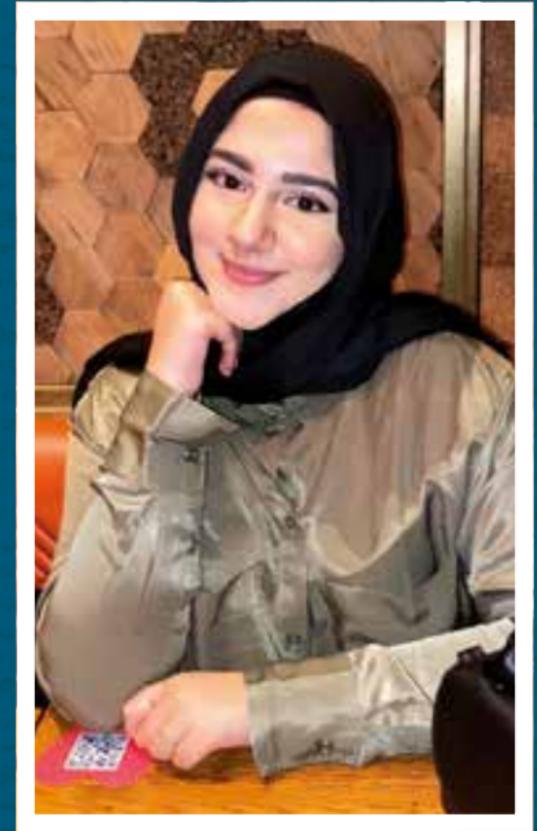


YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

"I am immensely grateful for the bursary funding I received which has allowed me to benefit from an impeccable support network, develop skills, and make life-long friends and memories that I would not have had otherwise. I have always said that a simple thank you will never be enough, bursary recipients will instead show how grateful we are through making the most of these opportunities and going on to make a difference for ourselves and, hopefully, also having a wider impact."

To all past, current and future bursary donors, thank you for being a part of our journey and for making a difference."

FARAH Current Medical Student





IN 2020-21...

£238,078
WAS GIVEN BY
310
DONORS

THROUGH **2,478**
SEPARATE GIFTS



237
DONORS MADE
REGULAR MONTHLY,
TERMLY OR ANNUAL
DONATIONS

SUPPORTING **4 FULL**
BURSARIES FOR A YEAR

MEANING THAT IN 2021-22...

97
PUPILS SUPPORTED
BY YOU WITH

MEANS-TESTED
BURSARIES



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PUPILS HAVE HAD TO
LEAVE OUR SCHOOL
THROUGH COVID
RELATED HARDSHIP

THANKS TO **YOU**



BURSARIES AT WITHINGTON

“We know from experience that bursary students help maintain the diversity that we have celebrated since 1890. However, in recent years, the number of applications for bursaries has continued to grow and an increasing number of talented individuals are unable to take up their place at Withington, as there is simply not enough bursary funding. We are very grateful for your generosity, which makes such a difference to the lives of those students who are supported by your donations.”

LESLEY DOWDALL

Director of Development



SUPPORT FROM INTERLINK RECRUITMENT

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Daniel and Louis Rosenthal whose company, Interlink Recruitment, has made a generous donation to our Bursary Fund.

The brothers, who both attended an independent school, recognise the importance of a bursary programme in providing opportunities for talented young people to benefit from all that an independent education can offer, despite financial circumstances.

The donation will be used to support a 100% bursary for a student in Year 7, including any incidental school costs, such as trips and equipment.

Both are the fathers of girls and Daniel already has a daughter who attends Withington.

“As a father, you want your daughter to have the very best education possible, providing an important building block for future success. Through this donation we can support someone else’s daughter who has just as much potential to attend Withington, thus opening up opportunities for her in the future.”

DANIEL ROSENTHAL



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AD LUCEM FUND

Donations to the Ad Lucem Fund enable us to support learning for all pupils in the school. This year your donations have supported the following:

- **6 GRAPHIC TABLETS FOR DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**
- **A DIGITAL ART STATION FOR THE ART DEPARTMENT**
- **4 VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS - A CENTRAL RESOURCE WHICH WILL HAVE APPLICATIONS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**
- **FLOWER PLANTERS FOR THE NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE**

Funds were also provided to enable Year 12 students to partake in a careers focussed leadership programme. The Ad Lucem Fund also supported our successful Languages for Life week which provided students with a variety of language-related enrichment activities to explore the possibilities that language learning offers in school and beyond.

An Archive project to digitise the school's original handwritten admissions registers was also undertaken and these can now be viewed on the Archive section of our website.

Thank you - your donations have had a real impact in enriching the learning opportunities for all Withington students.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

We are very grateful to Mr Hugh Campbell, Trustee of The Pastest Charitable Trust, for his generous sponsorship of this year's Young Enterprise programme at Withington.

The national programme gives Year 12 students the opportunity to develop their business skills by forming a company to develop and sell a product. This year Withington had two teams participating, Teresina and Zenora, who took part in the Manchester North and South competition.

Mrs Ositelu, Young Enterprise Coordinator, said:

"Although they were not given the opportunity to progress to the next stage of the competition, both teams were a credit to the school and should be very proud of their achievements."

Having taken part in a Dragon's Den style competition in March at which Teresina were awarded Best Company of the Day, the two teams attended the Manchester North and South competition. On the day the teams answered the judges' questions with enthusiasm and expertise, delivering clear and polished presentations. Teresina were awarded Best Customer Service and Zenora received the Best Presentation accolade.



TERESINA



ZENORA

#WGSGIVINGDAY

We were thrilled with the response to Withington's very first Giving Day on 22nd and 23rd March.

Students, staff, parents, alumnae and the wider WGS community came together in various challenges raising over £70,000 for our Bursary Fund.

Thank you to the 156 individuals who donated on the day. We'd also like to thank all of those who generously provided match-funding and those who signed up to be Giving Day Ambassadors, making the day a success.



The willingness of members of the extended Withington community to provide match-funding for many of our challenges was quite overwhelming and proved to be a real inspiration for other supporters to make a gift. This was also the case for our students, who unlocked £4,343 by running 4,343 laps of the all-weather pitch. An additional £12,000 was released through our House Challenge by securing over 25 donations in the name of each Senior School House.



Within school, our Ad Lucem Lantern Challenge inspired some amazing entries. Students were asked to create lanterns on the theme of what made Withington interesting, fun or special to them. The display of all the lanterns in the Arts Centre was stunning.



Watch our Ad Lucem Lantern film here



Three members of staff who are also alumnae, Miss Bruce, Madame Menzies and Mrs Roberts, pledged to spend a day in their old school uniforms if we exceeded our goal of 100 donors. As you can see, they kept their promise!



It was wonderful to see so many get involved in our first ever #WGSGivingDay, demonstrating how we achieve great things when we come together as a community. Thank you!

PARENTS FUNDING FUTURES

Last year we launched Parents Funding Futures. This invites current parents, as part of the Withington community, to partner with us to help transform opportunities for young girls with the same potential as their own daughters. Parents are asked to consider adding a donation towards the Bursary Fund to their school fee payment, helping us to support able girls who would otherwise miss out on all that a Withington education offers. Currently there are 60 families whose daughters attend Withington who are making regular gifts to our Bursary Fund.

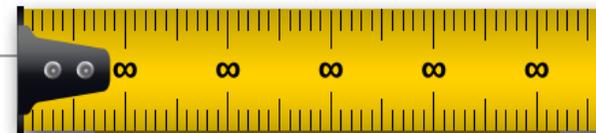
“As parents, we all want to provide the very best opportunities we can for our children, especially when it comes to education, but I know that not all families are fortunate enough to have the same choices that we do. By donating to the Bursary Fund we feel that we are opening the door for someone else’s child to have the kind of educational experience that we wanted for our daughter.”

MR CAMPBELL Parent



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

As we all know time is a precious commodity. We are therefore very grateful to every one of you who has given up your time by speaking to our students as part of our careers programme, or to enrich their learning with talks pertinent to specific subjects. Over the last year volunteers have been involved in our Year 10 Enterprise Day, the Languages for Life evening, talking to Bronze and Silver Arts Award students about careers in the creative industries, and speaking to Sixth Form students about university options, including Oxbridge.



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VOLUNTEERS GAVE CAREERS GUIDANCE AND ADVICE TO PUPILS

EMILY SIMON SOCIETY

The Emily Simon Society recognises those who have pledged to remember Withington with a gift in their will, helping to transform the educational experiences of many future generations of young women.

For the first time in three years we have recently been able to host members of the society at a lunch in our new conference space. It was a real pleasure

to see both familiar and new faces after such a long break. Some of Withington's MUN (Model United Nations) team gave a very informative talk about what MUN entails and what they have learned from the experience.

It was wonderful to be able to welcome members back to the school once again.



WITHINGTON CALLING 2021 - THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who kindly donated to our Withington Calling 2021 telephone campaign.

During the last two weeks of August a team of 12 callers made up of current Sixth Form pupils and recent alumnae contacted members of the Withington community to connect, share stories and experiences of studying at WGS and, crucially, to invite support for our Bursary Fund.

We also received many offers of support for our careers programme, another integral part of Withington which helps to inform and inspire current students about opportunities available to them in the future.

"Many of the alumnae that I spoke to over the two weeks had benefitted from a bursary during their time at the school and expressed their appreciation for the support that they had received."

SIXTH FORM CALLER

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MEMBERS OF THE
WITHINGTON COMMUNITY
WERE SPOKEN TO

**RECEIVED MANY OFFERS
OF CAREER SUPPORT**

175
PEOPLE PLEDGED
SUPPORT FOR THE
BURSARY FUND

**OVER
£60,000**
WAS PLEDGED – THE
EQUIVALENT OF A FULL
BURSARY FOR 4.5 YEARS

“I would like to say thank you to the people that donate to the bursary Fund at Withington. You have given me and many other girls a truly invaluable gift that will never be forgotten.”

HAZEL Bursary Recipient



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