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# Supporting Gresham's

## Making a Regular Gift

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# Investing in Excellence

For over four and a half centuries, Gresham's School has continued to nurture its students with an excellent educational and communal experience. Supported by a network of staff, parents and alumni who embrace a genuine compassion for their well-being, we ensure that our pupils develop into well-rounded, self-assured adults able to manage the demands of modern life. Gresham's seeks out and develops talent in children from all backgrounds, preparing them to play their part in a world where change is the only constant. Our unique position and holistic ethos make Gresham's ideally placed for this task.

## *The Importance of participating with a Regular Gift*

At this time of global economic uncertainty, the need has never been greater. It takes an extraordinary financial investment to run a school of this calibre. By supporting the Annual Fund you enable important projects to be accomplished, that often cannot be fully accommodated within the school's budget. With your help important and enriching goals can be achieved and you can choose your area of support.

## *Bursaries*

The Gresham's Foundation Trustees, School Governors and OGs have agreed that fundraising to provide bursarial support

to pupils who would otherwise not be able to benefit from an excellent Gresham's education should be a priority. We are especially proud that we are able to provide different degrees of bursary support to almost 20% of our pupils each year. Talented children will inspire those around them and we can ensure that they in return receive the most important gift they will ever get – a Gresham's education and the chance to flourish.

## *Enrichment*

Just some of the vital projects include House improvements, continuing Auden Theatre renovations, new science labs and a major new sports facility, an environmental education centre and nature trails, departmental resources and teaching aids. Investments like these are vital to

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maintaining and building on the quality of our educational environment and the continuing enrichment of our children.

*We can only continue to achieve this with your support and without your generosity Gresham's would struggle to maintain its place as one of the best schools in the country.*

## **Regular Giving = Affordable Giving**

Many OGs, parents and friends make monthly, quarterly or annual donations. A simple direct debit can be made over a period of time that is convenient and affordable as the cost of a gift can be spread over a number of years. If you are a UK Tax payer and sign a Gift Aid declaration, Gresham's can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated from HMRC - making your generosity go even further at no extra cost to you.

## **Every Penny Counts**

Please don't think that a small amount does not matter! Whether you are able to afford £10 or £100 each month it really will make an incredible difference. The more people that give regularly the more

transformational the impact will be and your commitment can be amended at any time to suit your wishes:

- Over three years a gift of £25 a month is worth well over £1,000 to the School.
- Imagine what 500 people could achieve – that's over £500,000!

So whatever you decide to support and whether you decide to give monthly, quarterly or a single gift, your donation will make a significant difference - it is the accumulation of gifts of all sizes that will enable us to reach our goals.

## **Please Join our Appeal**

We ask all those who care about Gresham's to take part in the rewarding tradition of giving something back to the School and maintaining Gresham's status as one of the best Schools in the country.

*You can ensure that future generations of scholars enjoy that special Gresham's experience!*

All you need to do is contact the Development Office on 01263 714529 and we will be able to set up your gift over the phone. Alternatively, you can use the enclosed gift form or visit our website at **[www.greshams.com/support-us](http://www.greshams.com/support-us)** and sign up online.

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## The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers

Gresham's was originally a grammar school founded in 1555 by Sir John Gresham, who was a merchant, courtier and financier and later became Lord Mayor of London in 1547. Sir John endowed the School with land and money and placed these endowments in the care of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. The Fishmongers' Company is one of the Great Twelve City Livery Companies, ranking fourth in the order of precedence and being amongst the most ancient of the City Guilds.

For almost five centuries the Fishmongers' Company has been closely involved with Gresham's and the School remains the largest recipient of the Charitable Trust's educational funding. The School's Governing Body includes members nominated by the Court of the Fishmongers' Company. This close relationship remains as important as ever today in offering an education which enhances the life chances and aspirations of young people.

