

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **An Invitation to Support the School Fund**

We are writing to introduce our School Fund and invite you to contribute to it.

The School Fund is made up entirely of voluntary donations from parents, carers and friends of the school and is kept separate from the school's other sources of funding. It is also separate from any fundraising by Twyford's active PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). The School Fund is used exclusively to pay for improvements to the facilities and other projects that would not otherwise be possible. The Fund is overseen by the governors of the school and, over the years, has paid for some important enhancements to the site and provided additional amenities. Details of some of the larger projects are attached.

This year we are contributing £27,000 towards improvements to the area where students receive individual support and counselling, enabling this valuable provision to be expanded. We are also exploring the possibility of landscaping an underused area of lawn to create a prayer garden, which is likely to cost around £5,000. Government funding for such projects is very limited, so your donations really do make a big difference to enhancing the school environment for all students.

Regular generous giving by you, our parents and carers, and the Gift Aid we can claim on most donations, means that the School Fund can thrive for the benefit of all students.

In recent years the amount of giving has fallen from over £100,000 a year to £50,000, so we really do hope you will take the time to visit our website and consider making a regular donation so that we can do more to improve the school environment. As a guide, we recommend parents give £25.00 monthly for each pupil educated here. However, all contributions are voluntary and are gratefully received. Donations are made online by visiting the School Fund page on the school website (under About Us) or using this QR code. Please be sure to select Twyford School Fund to ensure your donation supports the correct school. We also strongly encourage you to complete the Gift Aid form if you pay UK income tax. By doing so you will add 25% to the value of your donation.



If you have any queries about donating to the School Fund please contact our School Fund administrator, Mrs Hamri, at [schoolfund@twyford.org.uk](mailto:schoolfund@twyford.org.uk).

Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mark Bedford in black ink.

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Headteacher

Handwritten signature of Phil Bennett in black ink.

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Co Headteacher

Handwritten signature of Maggie Tromans in black ink.

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# TWYFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## Facilities Improvements Funded by the School Fund

In addition to building projects, since 2019, the School Fund has paid £47,000 annually for increased access to neighbouring Wasps Rugby Club pitches, which are used daily for PE and sports fixtures.

### Cycle Parking Improvements 2022



The School Fund provided a £10,000 contribution to a larger scheme to increase cycle storage capacity across the site, supporting the increase in cycling to school seen during the pandemic. Funds were used to provide more cycle stands and fencing behind the LRC to create an overflow pupil cycle parking area.

### Dining Room, Music Technology and Wireless Network 2021



The School Fund provided £90,000 for the remodelling of the servery to improve the lunch service, reconfiguration/refurbishment of music rooms to create a new Music Technology classroom and replacement of the wireless network to support greater use of laptops.

### Sports Hall Retractable Seating 2019



The School Fund provided £150,000 of funding to install retractable seating and new flooring in the sports hall to make it multi-purpose space, able to accommodate larger performances without affecting its continued use for indoor sport.



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## 2 new Science Classrooms and SEN accommodation 2018



The School Fund made a contribution of £270,000 towards a larger scheme part funded by the local authority to add two science classrooms to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of A Block and two offices and refurbish most of the ground floor of D Block and reconfigure it to provide accommodation for a specialist autism centre.

## Café Terrace Canopy 2017



For a number of years it has been a frustration that students cannot use the café terrace during wet weather so, on the initiative of the Student Council, a sleek Cambridge Arch canopy has now been installed. The canopy provides 200 square metres of under-cover space for pupils to use while enjoying their lunch. In June 2017 the new canopy is being supplemented by a convenient walk-through catering kiosk. The contribution from the School Fund was £68,000.

## Music Practice Pods 2016



As part of a project to refurbish music classroom A10, two high quality, prefabricated, sound-proof music practice room 'pods' were installed at the back of the classroom. The pods (similar to ones in use at the Royal College of Music) enable bands to practice without disturbing users of other practice rooms. The pods are fully equipped with internal power and low noise ventilation. The contribution from the School Fund was £77,000.

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