



GIVING UPDATE

Winter 2023



At the beginning of term we launched our new vision: *'Our community is vibrant, curious, creative and inspires positive change. We dare to be wise.'*

It has been wonderful to see our students embodying these values in many ways throughout the term with unwavering enthusiasm, particularly in their initiatives to raise funds for charitable causes. The report below showcases numerous instances of their dedication and commitment to creating positive change and daring to be wise.

We so grateful to the invaluable support from our parents, alumnae and friends who play a pivotal role in helping us deliver our vision and making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and the broader community. Together, we dare to be wise, and together, we are shaping a future of purpose and impact.

Wishing a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Ian Keary, Headteacher



Spreading festive cheer

The generosity of The Tiffin Girls' School community holds no bounds! Thank you to all who gave so readily for our Christmas visit to local care home Dalemead.

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One of the key fundraising focuses last academic year was to raise funds for a new lighting and AV system in the main school hall. Thanks to your efforts, we were able to make this a reality.

Over the summer, the new system was installed and this term state-of-the-art lighting and sound has enhanced productions, assemblies, presentation evenings and even set the atmosphere at last week's staff 'Christmas Karaoke' event for a Schofield House charity campaign.

Additionally, our students benefit from the opportunity to learn about all aspects of production, lighting and staging using the new kit.





THE SUPPORT TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL COMPANY (STGSC)

Making a difference

Donations are a vital and valued form of funding for the school.

The Support Tiffin Girls' School Company (STGSC) is an independent registered charity (number 1069969) which was set up in 1998 to raise funds to improve and expand educational facilities and opportunities at the school, and support the health and welfare of the students, so they may fully realise their potential.

In an increasingly challenging economic environment, support is needed more than ever before.

[Click here](#) to see the difference donations make to the school.

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support. You really are making a difference.

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THE EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

A key development this term has been the launch of the 'Education Support Fund', initiated by the Support Tiffin Girls' School Company (STGSC). The trustees of the charity decided to designate some of these funds to helping families within our school community that are facing financial hardship. The fund is seeking to support students in the following areas:

- Curriculum trips and visits
- Uniform, shoes or PE kit
- Equipment (e.g. calculator or ingredients for cookery classes)
- Exceptional travel expenses to/from school

The information on the website can be found [here](#) where it outlines both the eligibility criteria and application process. In addition, it's important to be aware that there are three submission dates for the academic year 2023/24: 31 October, 28 February and 31 May.

Please note, the Education Support Fund is completely separate from funding the school receives from the government in relation to pupil premium and sixth form bursaries.

This new fund reinforces the importance of the school's value of 'Community', making sure we collectively do all that we can to help those that need it most in the school. Therefore, enabling all students to access the same education experience irrespective of their financial status.





THE PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA)



A **big thank you** to the PSA committee and all the parent volunteers for the huge amount of work, time and effort they have put in this term to provide highly successful, enjoyable events to support the school by fundraising for the changing rooms and STEM club.

So far, the PSA has organised a Family Quiz Night, second hand uniform sale and the PSA Christmas Craft Fair where the Year 7s stole the show with their fabulous stalls selling all manner of Christmas treats.

We are also grateful to the PSA for supporting school events by manning the bar at the Celebration Evenings and the Sports Awards and providing refreshments for our students and parents.

"I would like to thank the PSA for giving support to the STEM Club and its activities. The primary purpose of our club is to allow students to explore wider topics in STEM, and thanks to your contributions, our students will have wonderful opportunities to develop their interests and delve deeper.

The impact of STEM Club on students' academic and personal growth cannot be emphasised enough and your investments let them pursue their passion in STEM with enthusiasm." **Dr De Silva-Mitter**



Refurbishment of the first floor PE changing rooms and toilets

In September 2022, The Tiffin Girls' School officially opened the wonderful new indoor sports centre for the benefit of the students and the local community.

As part of this project, we could only afford to refurbish two changing rooms out of a total of four we have on the site. The school is now committed to refurbishing the remaining two upstairs changing rooms installing showering facilities with lockable cubicles, additional privacy cubicles and upgraded toilets. With an appropriate complement of fully refurbished PE and sports changing rooms providing clean, hygienic, private and safe changing room and toilet facilities, we will ensure the health, wellbeing and comfort of all the students and removing any barriers to participation in sport.





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Community Outreach

As one of our three fundamental school values 'Community' sits at the heart of everything we do.

Our students understand that being charitable is powerful, motivating and rewarding. It strengthens their personal values, facilitates social connections, promotes wellbeing, happiness and productivity. They see that it is a privilege to help improve the lives of others.

From primary school outreach, to our Young Enterprise initiative, Model United Nations and from mentoring younger students to different student-led societies in school, helping others is firmly entrenched in our school culture and in the mindset of our students. Additionally, our creatively-minded students, led this year by our 'community' Deputy Head Girls, Piriyanaka and Izzy, have also been running a house competition to design Christmas cards for the residents of local care homes. Here are just some of this term's initiatives:

Year 10 students completed literacy and numeracy exercises with Year 5s at St Richards' CE Primary School, Alexandra Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School and Fern Hill School

Year 12 listened to students from Alexandra Primary and St Richard's CE Primary reading

Year 12 and 13 host debating and maths clubs at St Richard's Primary

The school hosted four schools for a Badminton event organised by Badminton England

The school was asked by Surrey Cricket to host an U15 indoor tournament between TTGS, KGS, Surbiton High and Hinchley Wood

Gardeners from our Gardening Club are helping students at Strathmore School create their school garden



Tidings of Comfort and Joy

We visited local care home Dalemead, armed with gifts and cards and entertained the residents with music and song.

Senior Deputy Headteacher, Emma Kilburn says: "I just wanted to say THANK YOU so much to everyone who brought in a gift for us to take to Dalemead. We have so many presents and people have been incredibly generous. I know not everyone is in a position to be able to offer a gift in this way, but I think this says a great deal about how our school community is always looking for ways to support and connect with others.

Thank you to everyone who has also made a card. We will also take these and others will go to other local care homes. The time and thought people have put into making these will make a real difference to local elderly residents."





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Student Fundraising



Christmas Film Night

About 250 students from Year 7 and Year 8 had a wonderful Movie Night at the beginning of December enjoying (a lot of) popcorn and a screening of 'Nativity' while raising £1,123 which will be donated to the school's charity UNICEF.

Tvishaa and Nivaysha, our Charity House Officers, also led a 'Krispy Kremes' doughnut sale last week for UNICEF and raised £625.35 for its 'Children in Emergencies' campaign supporting children caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East.

Eco Week

We had a really busy Eco Week. Activities included tree planting, litter picking and screenings of eco-related films. The Eco Week activities raise funds for WWF. The week culminated in the Eco Reps attending an Eco conference with a range of interesting speakers from Kingston Council, Greenpeace and more.



Period Poverty

Each year we support campaigns that aim to reduce menstrual poverty for all girls by providing sanitary wear and supporting sustainable sanitary solutions. As well as raising £390.58, each form also provided a Period Poverty box filled with sanitary wear, soap and underwear.



Twistie, our school dog all dressed up for Pink Week



Pink Week

Year 11 led **Pink Week for Breast Cancer Awareness**. There were t-shirts (Barbie-themed), a photo booth, the (now) traditional lunchtime 'pink parade' and many other activities. The interconnectedness of the school community was then on full display, literally, with the amazing installation of pink flowers adorning the foyer. A non-uniform day also delivered against both ends of the pink spectrum – from garish to pastel! Pink week raised £2,700.



Christmas Jumper Day

In return for a small donation, students and staff were allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers to school for a day in December. This raised a wonderful total of £371 for Save the Children.





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House charities 2023-24

Bebbington



House captains Sanjana and Chloe: "This year, we will be supporting Asha for Education, a charity dedicated to making education more accessible for underprivileged children in India. So far Bebbington has raised £171.71 with a scrunchie sale."

ashanet.org



Nicolle



Nicolle House Officers, Jasmin and Nysa: "We continue supporting our wonderful house charity, Shelter, who help people experiencing housing difficulties and homelessness. Over the years there's been some creative, some crazy, and some super successful house charity events, so watch this space!" shelter.org.uk



Watson



Watson House has selected Momentum Children's Charity. Momentum makes sure that no family has to cope alone when a child becomes seriously ill.

Year 7 and Year 13 students have already collaborated to continue the tradition of the Watson international food fair, raising just under £400. momentumcharity.org



Schofield



Bonnie and Tanya, this year's Schofield House Officers: "We look forward to raising money for PAWA, provide girls with an education, food, and aims to end gender inequality in seven countries in Asia. We aim to make an impact this year through the organisation of new charity events such as the successful staff Christmas Karaoke event." pawa-london.org



Flavell



House Officers Ashwini and Maryam: "We will be supporting WECare Worldwide, which provides high standard veterinary care to many of the three million street dogs in Sri Lanka, who often face skin diseases, maggot wounds and road traffic accidents".

wecareworldwide.org.uk



Orford



Orford House Officers, Tanvi and Nehansa: "Our charity is Water For People, an international charity for lasting solutions to end the global water crisis, and providing resources to improve sanitation and hygiene. Our fundraising activities include cake sales, car washes, karaoke events, candy cane deliveries and much more!

waterforpeople.org





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In November, a group of our Jack Petchey Award Winners from 2022-23 were honoured at a Ceremony at the Rose Theatre attended by the Deputy Mayor of Kingston and Councillor Richard Thorpe.

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises the hard work and determination of young people across London and Essex. As a School, we have benefitted enormously from generous grants over a number of years.

Students are nominated for these awards by their peers, and receive £250 to spend on resources of their choosing in school. Last year's winners were recognised for a range of activities, including fundraising, volunteering, and work with the wider community. We regularly have the opportunity to confer this prestigious award on students here and this is largely due to the breadth of achievement in the School. The term we have already honoured Christina (Year 9), Zaara (Year 10), Saroj (Year 10).

The History Department would like to thank Sophia for kindly donating her Jack Petchey Award money to fund a trip.

Also recognising amazing charitable efforts:

Lydia won the Henry Williamson Schools Writing Competition – winning the school a prize of £500.

Charline ran a raffle for Papyrus – the UK suicide prevention charity – having secured more than 30 prizes by approaching businesses in and around Kingston. She raised more than £508.74 in the process.

And our hardworking staff:

Congratulations too to Ms Sami, who received the Jack Petchey staff award for 2022 – 2023, also chosen by the students.

Thank you to the whole staff team for supplying cakes and sweet treats to raise more than £209 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Support Us

The support of our parents, alumnae and friends really does enable our students to make a difference. Our culture of giving is underpinned by support of those who give time, experience and financial donations to the school.

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Our Year 7 group made seasonal owls for a festive foyer display