

GIVING REPORT

An update on development and fundraising stories, charity initiatives and volunteering

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”

Mahatma Gandhi

A message from Ian Keary, Headteacher

As this term draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the theme of “giving” that I shared with our school community at the start of the academic year. Inspired by Gandhi’s wisdom, our students have truly embraced the spirit of generosity, supporting one another and the wider community. This report showcases the many ways in which giving—from our parents, students, and staff—has made a tangible difference.

In particular, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our parent community. Your monthly donations, participation in fundraising events, and volunteer work through the PSA and the Tiffin Girls’ Music Society (TGMS) directly enhance the education and opportunities we provide. In an era of tight budgets, your support enables us to offer an education that dares our students to be wise and equips them to thrive.

Thank you for making a difference. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Keary
Headteacher



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SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

Support Tiffin Girls' School Company (STGSC) is an independent registered charity (number 1069996) 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.



Making a difference - The impact of parent donations on the students this year

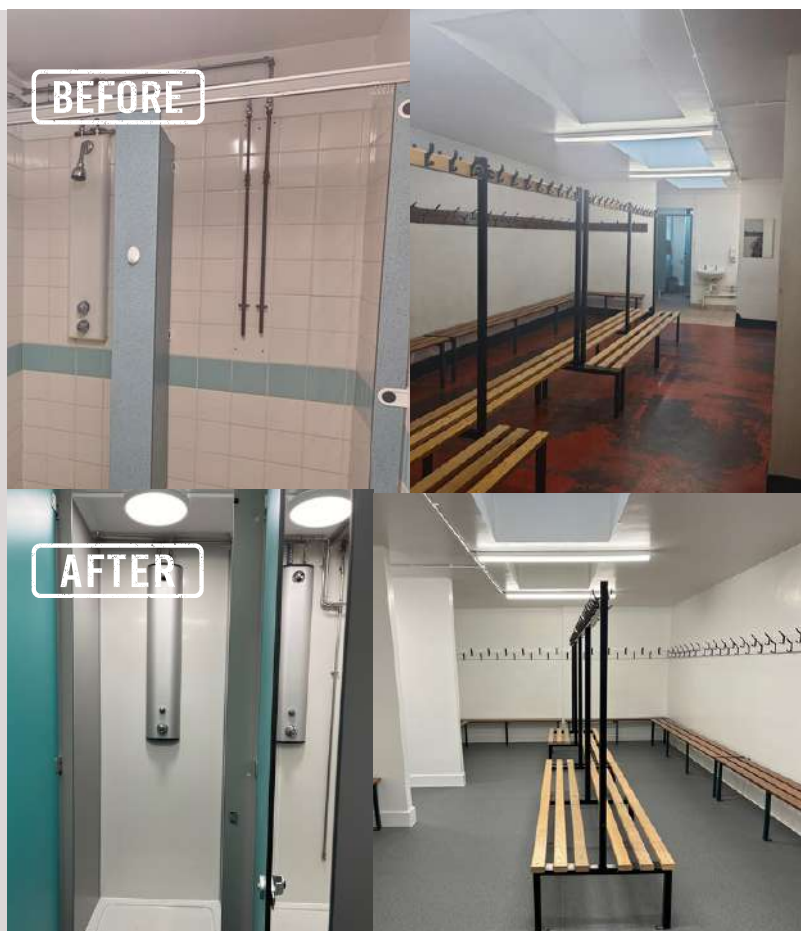
Thanks to the generous contributions of parents like you, The Tiffin Girls' School has been able to achieve remarkable progress in facilities, resources, and enrichment opportunities. Here are some highlights from this year:

New Changing Rooms £95,000

The refurbishment of the school's changing rooms over the October half term was made possible by parent donations and PSA fundraising efforts. The transformation has delighted students:

- "Hot water and clean sinks make a huge difference – it actually feels hygienic now compared to before."
- "It's such a big improvement! The changing rooms are now actually nice to use."

Good facilities are vital to encouraging girls' participation in sports. They provide privacy, safety and hygiene, helping girls feel comfortable and respected. The refurbishment included the addition of 4 showers and 10 toilets.



Fundraising Focus 2024-2025

Target: £30,000 for Sustainable LED lighting

This year's goal is to install energy-efficient LED lighting in all the classrooms, corridors and common areas in the Holdsworth building as part of the school's vision to create an energy-efficient and sustainable learning environment that reduces the school's carbon footprint and enhances the quality of education through improved facilities.





ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM

Parent donations have directly supported the curriculum, providing vital resources and equipment that enhance learning across all subjects.



Music

16 guitars (3/4 size Yamaha and Fender electro-acoustics): used in class time and out. These have transformed class time and inspired break-time collaborations.

“Every break and lunchtime is now busy with groups working out chords and learning about group work. It’s been a brilliant way of widening access to music.” **Angus Meryon, Head of Music**



Year 12 student competition winner of the regional heat of the Historical Association’s Great Debate competition



History

Membership of the Historical Association and new textbooks to support curriculum changes has enabled us to introduce a new unit into our A level study: Students can now choose to study either American Foreign Policy in 20th century or US Civil Rights.

“This funding keeps our curriculum up-to-date and supports independent research.” **Laura Metcalf, Head of History**

Art

Ceramic materials for the kiln and art materials



Year 7s are thoroughly enjoying sculpting with clay which wouldn’t be possible without parent funding. Their ceramic sculptures will be on display in the foyer for the last week of term to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Ceramics have been introduced into the Year 9 curriculum for the first time. Their mugs will be on display to raise awareness of Time To Talk Day 2025.

“In the Sixth Form, our Year 13 students have been busy experimenting with oil paints, a skill that will last them a lifetime. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.” **Carl Jeavons, Head of Art**



ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM

Science

“The heating mantles have transformed organic synthesis experiments in year 12 and 13, especially in terms of safety and efficiency. They also now more closely replicate real world processes and bring our practicals right up to date.”

Tina Mayhew and Catharine Mackey, Joint Head of Chemistry

“New colorimeters for our laboratories means we now have enough for students to have one between 4 in all classes which has been hugely beneficial to teaching and learning.”

Hayley Matson, Head of Biology



Drama

New stage curtains, microphones and sound and light system have elevated the quality of school productions.

“The new curtains are absolutely amazing in the Hall. As part of the crew and tech team it’s a relief to have reliable curtains. In last year’s lower school production of Alice, the curtains became stuck multiple times and eventually we just had to ask some crew members to hold them shut!”

Tanya, Year 10

English

“A wide range of texts from a diverse range of authors across time has really helped to enrich the student’s educational experience.” **Lily Campbell, Head of English**

PE

Cricket bowling machine has transformed our GCSE cricket moderation and boosted skills and performance, with teams achieving great success, including the U18 team’s victory at Lord’s.

Netball posts and tennis equipment: Over 250 students now represent the school in netball, and lunchtime tennis sessions have been a summer highlight.



The U18 cricket team at Lord’s



ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM

Additional Classroom Materials

£28,000

Your donations allowed the school to provide 57% more teaching and learning resources than government funding alone. These materials have empowered students to excel in their studies and achieve academic success.

Extra-curricular Sport

£12,000

At Tiffin Girls' School, we believe that access to sporting opportunities is essential for all students, fostering physical health, teamwork, and confidence. While schools can legally charge for extracurricular activities, we have always prioritised funding our extracurricular PE clubs through the school's budget to ensure inclusivity.

This year, rising costs for professional coaching and ongoing budget pressures have challenged this commitment. Thanks to the generous support of Support Tiffin Girls' School Company (STGSC), we have been able to supplement our budget and maintain our full range of extracurricular PE offerings.

This ensures every student has the chance to engage in activities that enrich their school experience. Students can participate in the following sessions, tailored to different year groups:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y7	Badminton Gymnastics	Netball Dance	Table Tennis Hockey	Football Volleyball	
Y8	Netball Gymnastics	Badminton Dance	Table Tennis Hockey	Football Volleyball	
Y9	Hockey Gymnastics	Badminton Dance	Netball Table Tennis	Volleyball	Football
Y10	Hockey Gymnastics	Badminton	Table Tennis	Netball	Football Volleyball
Y11	Hockey Gymnastics	Badminton	Table Tennis	Netball	Football Volleyball
Y12	Hockey Gymnastics	Badminton	Netball Table Tennis		Football Volleyball
Y13	Hockey Gymnastics	Badminton	Netball Table Tennis		Football Volleyball

After Easter there will be weekly clubs for athletics, cricket and tennis

New Trampolining Club

£10,000 grant from London Sport and PSA

We are thrilled to introduce trampolining as a new addition to our extracurricular programme this year.

"I love trampolining! I've learned lots of new skills."

Year 8 student

This club reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding opportunities and encouraging students to discover new passions.





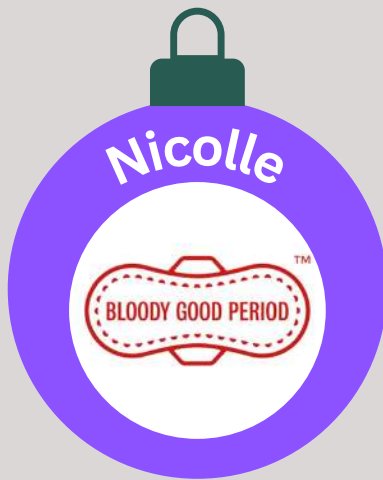
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STUDENT FUNDRAISING

In addition to benefitting from parent donations, our students have exemplified the giving spirit.

Our Year 13 House Officers led their houses in selecting this year's house charities, with a spread of local, national and international organisations chosen for their support, including:



Pink Week

Year 11 students raised over £2,000 for Breast Cancer UK with a pink-themed campaign. Ms Kilpatrick led the creative effort, with decorated bras transforming the school foyer.

Movie Night

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a festive movie night, enjoying hot chocolate, popcorn and a screening of Narnia while raising money for the school's charity, United World Schools.

Christmas Jumper Day

Students and staff donned festive jumpers, raising funds for Save the Children.



Pink Week



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COMMUNITY

Thank you for the presents donated by parents and the PSA which were delivered to the senior residents at the Dalemead Care home in Richmond who were delighted to receive them. Many would not otherwise receive a gift. They also received Christmas cards which the students have been busy making. Extra cards were delivered to RBKares, a charity who deliver cards to residents in care homes all across Kingston and the local area.



Science in schools show

Over 200 pupils from four local primary schools were invited to join Year 7 and 8 students and participate in the Royal society of Chemistry's 'Science in Schools' show. The show brought science to life for our younger learners. Thanks to the PSA for funding this event.

Eco-Conference for local secondary schools

As part of Eco Week, the school hosted students from 14 local schools, for a day of talks and activities based on sustainability and eco-decision-making, with our Year 13s leading a session on renewable energy planning. The day was led by our Year 13 eco-leaders.



Outreach

- Year 10 supported local primary pupils with maths and english.
- Year 12 has worked one-to-one with Fern Hill Primary pupils to develop maths skills such as algebraic thinking and working in three dimensions.
- Over 30 Year 12 students mentored local Year 5 children through the *Shaping Futures Programme*, combining tutoring with fun activities to aid their transition to secondary school.

Jack Petchey Foundation

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises outstanding young people across London and Essex. Students are nominated by their peers and receive £300 to spend on resources in school. This year three Tiffin Girls' students have been given Awards: Gargi received her award for her participation in the Night Walk and fundraising efforts for Cancer Research. She chose the Art Department to receive the funding; Ivreen received her award in recognition of her countless sporting achievements in cricket, including playing for Surrey Womans 1st X1, and gave it to the PE Department; Lily, won her award for organising a music book exchange which helped many people. The Music Department were the beneficiaries of her award.





PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parent support makes it possible

We are so grateful to Tiffin Girls' Music Society and the PSA for the huge amount of work, time and effort they put in to support the school which enhances school life in countless ways.

The Tiffin Girls' Music Society (TGMS)

Co-chaired by Sofia Gueorgieva and Ade Odumboni, TGMS raised £2,100 at concerts this term, part of their £6,000 annual commitment to the Music department. They also stewarded ABRSM exams and matched a £1,000 music scholarship organised by the school, as in previous years.



Students enjoying the PSA Christmas Fair

Parent Staff Association (PSA)

Under the leadership of Shivani Agarwal, the PSA organised:
 Quiz Night: A fun event for families and new parents.
 Christmas Fair: A joyful day where Year 7 students sold handmade products.

The PSA Bar Team tirelessly provided refreshments at school events, and second-hand uniform sales continued successfully.

So far this year, the PSA have raised £5,000 in aid of the school's project to provide sustainable lighting.



Your support – whether through donations, volunteering, or attending events – has an incredible impact. Together, we enrich school life, provide exceptional opportunities and inspire students to make a difference.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.
 The Development Office, The Tiffin Girls' School.

Thank You