

This term has been another very busy one for fundraising events and activities and we are delighted to share our progress with you.

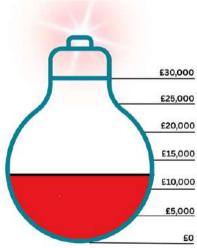
#### **Our Fundraising Focus: Bright Futures**

#### **Progress report on LED lighting**

This year, we have been fundraising for our Bright Futures project, which aims to install energy-efficient LED lighting in the Holdsworth Building. This initiative is an essential part of our school's vision for a more sustainable learning environment, reducing our carbon footprint while improving facilities for students and staff.

Thanks to the PSA and your generous donations, we have already installed new lighting in 8 classrooms and will complete another 7 classrooms over the Easter holidays – an incredible achievement! However, we still need another £17,000 if we are to complete the final 7 classrooms as well as the LRC, exams office, 4 sets of toilets and other office spaces.

We are ever closer to reaching our goal, and every contribution brings us one step closer!





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# **ONE-OFF DONATIONS**

# School Birthday

#### **School Birthday Giving Week**

In its second year, our Giving Week in the run-up to the School Birthday was a huge success, raising over **£9,000 from 273 donors**—even more than last year!

This year's theme celebrated love, sustainability, and the number 145 (marking our 145th anniversary on Valentine's Day). Highlights included:

- A Valentine-themed staff bake-off
- A Valentine card competition
- A chocolate heart secret delivery service
- The Music Department's video performance of 'Love Shine a Light' featuring 145 voices
- Students learning to say "I love you" in 44 different languages, including Latin!

One of the best aspects of Giving Week is seeing the entire school community—students, staff, parents, and alumnae—come together, giving up their time, creativity, and enthusiasm to raise money for the school. The shared sense of purpose and generosity is truly inspiring and a testament to the strength of the Tiffin Girls' community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to making this such a fantastic celebration!





# **REGULAR GIVING**

#### **Direct Debits**

We have now made it easier to set up a monthly donation online via direct debit. Because it makes such a difference to what we are able to do as a school, we ask all families to make a regular contribution to **Support Tiffin Girls' School Company**, an independent registered charity (1069996) if they can.

Currently, 37% of parents are giving to the school on a regular monthly basis, a figure that has not yet recovered from pre-Covid levels. If you are able, please consider setting up a monthly donation of £55 per month (£12 per week per child), or whatever amount you can manage. Every contribution makes a difference. Please donate if you can.

STGSC

SUPPORT TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL COMPANY REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1069996

You can set up your monthly donation <u>here</u> or by visiting here: <u>https://www.bacsdirectdebit.co.uk/support-tiffin-girls-school-company/stgsc-donation/</u>

The Support Tiffin Girls' School Company (STGSC) is an independent registered charity (number 1069996) which was set up in 1998 in order to raise funds for the school to improve and expand educational facilities and opportunities so that our students may fully realise their potential. It supplements the learning resources for all subject areas and supports the health and welfare of the students. It also provides support for larger capital bids such as our sports hall and the Rivermead building.



#### **Grant Funding**

This term, we have applied for funding for both our LED lighting project and resurfacing the astro pitch through:

- Kingston Borough Council (Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy)
- South Western Railways Customers and Community Improvement Fund
- London Marathon Foundation
- Sport England

We await their decisions and will keep you updated.

If you have any connections with grant-giving bodies or know of trusts and foundations that may be able to support our school, please contact development@tiffingirls.org.

# PSA AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We are so grateful to the Parent Staff Association (PSA) for putting on two fabulous events this term to support fundraising at the school. Not only does it help to raise thousands of pounds but also provides hugely entertaining events which are very much enjoyed by all who attend.

#### Who killed the farmer? A Tiffin Girls' murder mystery

Launching the School Birthday Giving Week, this gripping who dunnit was brilliantly performed by members of staff, creating a thrilling and laughter-filled evening and keeping everyone on the edge of their seats until the very end. Prizes were awarded for the winning team who guessed the murderer correctly, a raffle was held and the PSA ran a bar and their delicious samosas. Thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported this wonderful event.





#### Fashion Show - 'Rewild - return of the artisan'

The PSA and Art Department together put on a truly fab-u-lous evening of fashion and entertainment with the annual Fashion Show. The evening is a highlight in the Art department's calendar and an important platform for the student designers to display their exceptional talent and phenomenal creativity. This year's theme, 'Rewild — the return of the Artisan' focused on craft and hand-made pieces in response to the over-reliance of the digital advancements in the world.

A special thanks to parent Cat Walkden for producing the amazing and beautifully hand made decorations in the foyer on the ReWild theme, and to the PSA team for providing the refreshments. It was a hugely successful night.







## **TOGA (Tiffin Old Girls and Alumnae)**



Our alumnae remain a vital part of our school community, offering career guidance, mentoring, and financial support. This term, they have:

- Delivered a TiffinTalk on Artificial Intelligence
- Spoken to Year 12 about careers in healthcare, data science, and computing
- Led sessions at the Medics Conference
- Supported the School Birthday Giving Week
- Sponsored students in the F1 in Schools National Finals
- Prepared to join current parents in the Kingston Dragon Boat Race to raise funds



### TGMS (Tiffin Girls' Music Society)

The Tiffin Girls' Music Society provides fantastic support to the music department helping raise money for the provision of a top-class musical education and free co-curricular activities to all students. In March, TGMS supported the Spring concert by helping with programme design and also running a bar which raised more than £900. This amount has been earmarked towards future music equipment maintenance and upgrade in the Music department. In the last week of term, four TGMS members volunteered as stewards for the ABRSM exams held at the school.



#### Raising money for our F1 in Schools STEM competition – thank you!

The school was thrilled that students from Year 12 and 13 passionate about STEM and motorsport made it to the Nationals Finals of the F1 in Schools team. Their journey has been an inspiring one and we were so proud of them as they showcased their hard work and innovation on a national stage.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to support Team Lilith Racing — your generosity helped the team to make the trip to the finals in Sheffield and enabled further refinements to both the car and the pit display, ensuring they were competition-ready.



## **CHARITABLE GIVING**

Our students are committed to helping others and working hard to provide charitable support for their House charities.

This term Year 8N raised **£161.51** from the sale of crochet items and bracelets for 'Bloody Good Period' Charity, and Year 11 W sold candy canes and mini games making **£34.11** for Cancer Research. 8F did a bake sale for the British Bee Charity as part of their ECO Project and raised around **£89**.

The cultural non uniform day raised **£512.42** to support dementia initiatives in the local area. Held to celebrate World Cultural Day, students could choose to wear traditional clothing from their culture and dress in colours that represented their heritage. Dementia affects millions worldwide and there remains an urgent need for progress in research, care and awareness.





#### RAG week raises over £4,000 for partner school

As part of RAG (raising and giving) week, the school came together to raise money for our partner school in Nepal, Chewaa. There was a multitude of events running throughout the week, from Teacher University Challenge to the very popular Staff Strictly Come Dancing, as well as stalls selling pick 'n mix, pancakes and Krispy Kremes. The annual Staff vs Student Benchball match was highly competitive and the Year 7 and Year 8s enjoyed their Hollywood-themed disco. Deputy Head Girls for charity, supported by the rest of the Head Girl team were delighted to have raised a wonderful total of **£4,082**.





## OUTREACH

As an outwardly-facing school, we strive to offer an array of support and opportunities to our local community. Currently, we have multiple ongoing outreach programmes run by staff and students, including:

Fortnightly visits to support elderly residents with dementia at **Ashton Meadows Nursing Home** as part of the Global Social Leaders programme. Through arts, games, and friendly conversations, the students aim to bring companionship and joy while tackling the challenges of loneliness and isolation.

**Shaping Futures Programme**. Ms Kilburn and the Year 12 mentors work with Year 4 and 5 students from many local primary schools with the aim of widening access and offering support in English and Maths in preparation for grammar school selection tests.

Year 8 Faraday Challenge. We welcomed five other local secondary schools to take part in this annual team competition which was run by the Faraday Foundation. The aim of the day was to use a range of scientific resources to create real-world solutions and overcome challenges in health and society. All the teams were tasked with designing a prototype for a batteryoperated device to assist people with disabilities or specific needs, young children, or athletes.

**Medics Conference.** Visitors from twelve seconary schools heard from a variety of speakers, all former students at Tiffin Girls', who are now either studying medicine or working as doctors. They offered a real insight into the day to day realities of the job, of what it is like to study medicine at different universities, and the best ways to prepare for the application and interview process. This is our third conference and it was fantastic to welcome back three of our former Head Girl Team among the speakers, all of whom were involved in the creation and organisation of the conference in previous years.

**Eco conference.** 16 local primary schools attended. The pupils completed a 'Plastics Challenge' where they repurposed recycled plastic into new items, such as pen holders and bird feeders. Angela Munden from Greenpeace gave an engaging talk on what we can do to help our oceans, and speakers from the charity 'Volunteers for Futures' led a workshop on the threats facing wildlife.







## THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without the support we receive from parents. Thank you for everything you do to help us create an enriching and inspiring learning environment for our students.

Support us here:



Wishing you all a wonderful



From all at The Tiffin Girls' School