

SCGSG Charity Newsletter Summer 2025



WELCOME

from the Chair of the SCGSG Charity

Welcome to our first newsletter and thank you for signing up to hear about our latest updates on fundraising activities and the impact our funds are having for the girls at the school and in the wider community.

The Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls Charity was founded in 2008 with the aim of advancing the education of the pupils of the Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls and developing their physical mental and spiritual abilities through activities which are not covered by public funding.

Over the years we have accomplished our objectives through providing funding towards the School's major capital campaigns, funding extra-curricular activities and supporting the school hardship fund more details of which can be found later in this newsletter. As Trustees we are committed to continue to support girls attending the School and working together with the School's Board of Governors and Parents Association to enrich their experience and develop their potential through the activities we fund.

We look forward to working with you whether you are a parent, past pupil, or local business to form a strong vibrant school community focussed on delivering a positive impact on the lives of the girls of the school.

*Jane Petit,
Chair of the SCGSG Charity*

Student at Sutton Girls — 1969-76





OUR OBJECTIVES & FOCUS AREAS

Over the last few months, the Charity has been evaluating how it can help enrich the students' experience throughout their time at Sutton Girls.

In the immediate future we are looking to increase the profile of the Charity through initiatives such as a Giving Tree, actively promoting work that has taken place and increasing participation from the wider Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls' community in the Charity.

Major contributions to the school in recent years have been possible through financial donations to the charity, include:

- Enhancing facilities for school shows with new stage lighting in the main school hall.
- Installing a new kitchen area for our growing Sixth Form helping students to learn, study and build strong connections with each other.
- Refurbishing of the multi-sport surfaces on which students and the wider community through school lettings enjoy playing netball and tennis and allow the school to host regional school netball tournaments.

In this academic year, we have funded a trip to Newnham College Cambridge to help Year 12 students consider whether this is the right path for them. The Charity wanted to support students' aspirations and overcome financial barriers that might stop them attending this trip, particularly those from lower socio-economic backgrounds and those who are first generation university applicants.

The Charity also provides new equipment to curriculum areas that enrich the student experience. This term we have supported two bids from creative departments:

- Drama – modernising the current drama studio with new flooring that will enhance the performance space, which will greatly help with filming of GCSE and A-Level drama pieces.
- Music – funding 2 new amps that will allow more students to take part in the school rock band which is increasing in popularity. 4 new keyboards increasing the quantity and quality that is available to students which will improve the quality of work submitted for GCSE coursework.

The Charity also supports enhancements to the whole school environment, from additional outdoor seating used by students from all year groups during lunchtimes, providing A-Level students with an alternative study space during the summer term.

We are funding a new mural in the school to recognise and celebrate the schools' character strengths: Respect, Integrity, Positivity and Resilience, Making Good Decisions and Love of Learning.





OUR IMPACT ON:

Current students

One of our students who recently benefitted who attended the trip to Cambridge, funded by the Charity said:

"I was lucky enough to attend the Year 12 trip to Newnham College at the University of Cambridge in February and enjoyed a day of activities learning about university applications, Oxbridge myths as well as a tour of the college. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore my post-18 options and ask current Cambridge students questions about student life and what it's like studying at Cambridge. My favourite part of the trip was when we ate lunch in the hall as it had the most stunning windows and decorations; it really felt like something out of a fairytale. The college grounds were just as beautiful, and we were even allowed to walk on the grass. On the tour, I got to hear about the history of Newnham as a women's college, and the difficulties that women faced when trying to get a degree like not being allowed into the men's libraries and so now have one of the biggest libraries in Newnham to make up for it. Overall, it was a great day and has definitely inspired me to work hard and aim high".

New Music equipment

The forthcoming Music donation from the Charity will be a great addition to lessons and extracurricular music provision. Improving students' live performances, and providing an inspirational environment for practice and rehearsals. Our Head of Music, Mr Collet says, *"The purchase of the new pianos will enable students to develop their performance skills, which would be of particular benefit to students taking GCSE and A-Level Music as well as those taking graded examinations. It would mean an improvement on the facilities we can offer students currently"*.



OUR IMPACT ON:

The wider community

Drama and Dance Studio upgrades

The Community also benefit from use of our facilities, which are let through our lettings partner [MicroSports](#). One such group is Arts Vocational Academy who hire the drama and dance studios on a regular basis, where both areas have benefitted from Charity donations through new flooring and stage lighting.

Lottie, aged 10, attends these sessions and her parents have seen self-confidence growth through learning skills in live performance and performing in front of her peers. This has greatly improved her confidence. Lottie says, *"these are big spacious areas that fit a lot of children in, and I love the stage in the drama studio. I have a lot of fun in these spaces"*.

OUR IMPACT ON:

Former students

We are thrilled to announce that Danielle, who attended Sutton Girls from 1993 to 1998, has been selected to represent Jamaica in the upcoming 15s rugby games against Trinidad & Tobago and Mexico as part of the WXV (the annual women's international rugby union competition). This is an outstanding achievement, and Danielle's dedication to both her sport and her community is truly inspiring.

As a student, Danielle immersed herself in the sporting opportunities that we provided as a school. This enabled Danielle to explore her love of netball and football, representing the school in numerous competitions as well as driving her to explore rugby as an extracurricular activity.

As a charity trustee for Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls, Danielle has always been a role model, balancing her passion for rugby and netball with her entrepreneurial pursuits. Her selection to the national team is a testament to her hard work and commitment, and we are incredibly proud of her.

We wish her the best of luck in the upcoming games in Jamaica 23rd May – 1st June and hope her journey continues to inspire the next generation of athletes.



THANK YOU

from the Headteacher

Thank you for your interest in our school and to all those individuals who have contributed to the SCGSG Charity so far. Whether your donations are financial or you give your time, effort and expertise, your support is vital to providing a fantastic, well-rounded education for students at Sutton Girls.

As a state school we are funded by the government, this covers our day-to-day provision, staffing and maintenance of our existing buildings. We have high aspirations for all our students and want to provide them with the best possible educational experience. This is only achievable with additional support from members of our wider school community.

Our school vision is for all to have a love of learning, a positive, independent and resilient approach with a strong sense of community. Each individual will be encouraged to be aspirational, prepared for their future and inspired to make a positive difference.

Our alumni are excelling in a wide variety of different fields; contributing to local, national and global organisations, our Year 13 students are currently taking their A-Levels examinations before embarking on their next step of their educational journey and our Year 7 students are volunteering to be part of the transition team to welcome the next cohort of students to Sutton Girls.

When donations and contributions from individuals are combined, they make a real difference to the facilities and opportunities we provide for our students. I hope that you will join us in supporting our students throughout their time at Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls.



SUPPORTING US

None of what we do is possible without the help of the school community. If you would like to help there are various routes from monetary donations, sharing contacts to volunteering.

Donations

You can make a regular or one-off donation. To donate securely online [please click here](#). We use the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) to administer donations on our behalf.

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25% in Gift Aid on top of your donation at no extra charge to you. Simply tick the relevant box on the CAF form, or let us know when you make your donation by contacting the finance team, via email: finance@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

If you would like donate directly via your bank account, please email: finance@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

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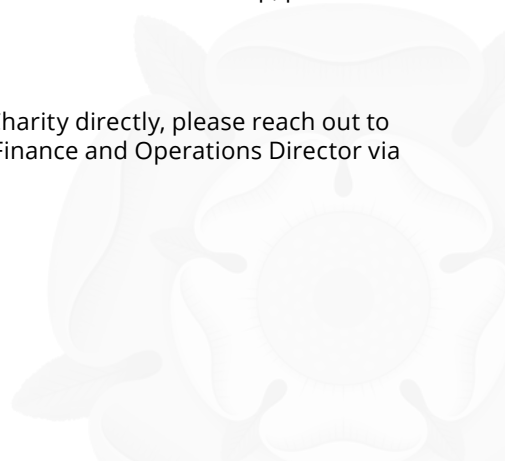
We recognise that many people have demands on their finances which prevent them from making a gift to the School in their lifetime. Legacy gifts to The Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls can be your lasting tribute; as an acknowledgement of what the School helped you achieve in life. Leaving a legacy to School enables you to help the talented pupils who follow you. If you are able to provide a legacy please reach out to our Finance and Operations Director via email: dth@suttcold.bham.sch.uk.

Partner with us

Investing in our students is an investment in our shared future workforce. We are showcasing the difference donations can make to school life. If you work for or have links to a company that is local or national that can help, please email us at: finance@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Time

If you would like volunteer to support the Charity directly, please reach out to Doug Thorp, Charity secretary and school Finance and Operations Director via email: dth@suttcold.bham.sch.uk



EXCITING FUTURE PLANS

In our next newsletter, we have something exciting planned to show our appreciation for all our donors. It's a gesture that will help you feel more connected to the Sutton Coldfield Girls' School community and give you something exclusive to look forward to. Stay tuned as we share how we plan to make you feel even more a part of our school family and recognise contribution to school life you have made!

STAY IN TOUCH

Keep up to date with the School Charity and the wider school community through social media on our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages or consider joining our alumni network on [Future First](#).

