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# Camden School for Girls



## Excellence Fund

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Camden School for Girls is very proud of its amazing achievements over the past 150 years. But it is hard to imagine a time in our long history when our finances have been under such pressure as they are now. We urgently need your support to help us to continue to provide the best education that we can. By supporting our **Excellence Fund** you will help the school continue its proud history of providing the highest quality education possible for all its pupils.



### WHAT HAS CAUSED THE CURRENT FINANCIAL PRESSURE?

Over the last decade, changes in government funding for schools have resulted in a real term decrease in funding of over 10%. Further increases in costs from unfunded pay and pension increases, energy prices and general inflation have added to our financial pressures in the last two years. In addition, Covid has reduced our fundraising income significantly. The increased gap between government funding and the school's essential costs will reach £280,000 per year by 2023. We are facing a financial crisis.



We offer a broad curriculum and provide extra support to pupils who need our help. In addition, we have a brilliant extra-curricular offering which is the envy of many other schools. But this does not come cheaply. Over 80% of our budget each year goes on staff costs; We have an exceptional team with many subject experts who we successfully retain and whose dedication and expertise is reflected in the results that our pupils achieve. Our high staff costs mean that there is no surplus in our budget and our carefully managed reserves have been eaten up during the austerity years.

The structure of our school also has a bearing on finances. We are a relatively small secondary school, so overheads are higher. We also have to contribute over 10% of the cost of maintaining our buildings and facilities, many of which are ageing.

Over the next year we anticipate that our energy bill will soar by an incredible £85,000 and we will also have to fund recently announced teacher pay increases from the existing budget allocated to the school, without appropriate increases in funding per pupil.

In these uncertain times, **your help is urgently needed**, as state funding alone looks unable to provide the educational funds that our pupils need and deserve.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP / CONTRIBUTE

We are fortunate in having an engaged community of parents, friends and alumnae/alumni, many of whom support the school financially and we are extremely grateful to them. Our aim now is to get at least **50% of parents** to donate, ideally on a monthly basis and to raise more money from our wider CSG community. In these difficult times we need more support than ever before so that we can continue to provide an excellent education along with exceptional extra-curricular activities, pastoral care, trips, performances and additional support to all our pupils.

**You can help by making a donation now** and encouraging others to do so. We recognise that not everyone will be able to donate at the same level or even at all. However, we ask that everyone considers making a gift at a level that is appropriate to them, taking existing commitments into account. Remember that by making a regular monthly payment, this can mount up to significant sums over the course of your child's time at CSG.

<u>Monthly donation*</u>	<u>Annual value</u>	<u>Over 5 years</u>
£100	£1,200	£6,000
£50	£600	£3,000
£30 (Just £1 per day)	£360	£1,800
£10	£120	£600

*\*Some families have donated at higher levels than these*

If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to tick the Gift Aid box on the donation form which will add 25% to the value of your donation at no cost to you.

**Please donate** at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10406#!>

Or by scanning this QR code. You can also complete and return the donation form attached. Whatever help you can give is deeply appreciated. Thank you.



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