

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Towards the end of last term, the trustees of the Holt School PTA and The Holt School Trust agreed to work together as just one charity with the purpose of raising funds and supporting The Holt School. As a result, The Holt School Trust changed its name to Friends of The Holt School and our previous PTA charity will shortly close.

As chair of Friends of The Holt School, I am writing to ask for your help. Our charity supports the school in several ways.

Each year, between them, the charities have raised in excess of £30,000 for the school and since becoming an Academy these funds have helped fund our Humanities Block (£200,000) and Sixth Form building (£50,000), a new long jump (£20,000) new sewing machines (£5,000) plus various other smaller items of equipment for departments.

The support for the schools building programme has absolutely helped the school raise the balance of funds needed from the Department for Education and I am therefore writing to let you know that the school is now trying to raise £100,000 towards a new Drama and Dance building which it is hoped will be built in 2020 or sooner if funding is awarded. This may sound a daunting target but already through the generosity of parents we have raised £40,000 towards this project.

All of our students in Years 7-9 study dance (as part of the PE curriculum) and drama and currently have to use the school hall for many lessons. But with increasing numbers joining us each year, the school now need to provide a specialist area for these activities and hence the priority for the school's building development plans.

As all students benefit from the fund, we would like to ask each family to make a regular contribution per month. The governing body understands that each families financial circumstances are different so we would ask for contributions that are practical and affordable for you.

If you do not already regularly make donations to the school, please consider so now and complete the standing order form which follows and return it to the school. If you are a taxpayer please also complete the Gift Aid declaration, as this will enable us to claim 25% tax relief

Matched Giving – You Could Double or Treble Your Donation!

Many companies also support charitable giving through a matched giving scheme whereby they match donations pound for pound or even doubling your donation. Employers such as BP, HSBC, BT, Tesco, RBS, Lloyds, GlaxoSmithKline and Marks & Spencer all operate these types of schemes. Please check your employer's intranet, or with your HR department, to see how you can maximise your contribution to our School.

Your contributions make a real difference. The more funds we raise the more our students benefit. Your continued support ensures that a high-quality learning environment is provided for our students.

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support.

Kind regards

Cristina Bain
Governor & Chair of Friends of The Holt School
Registered Charity Number 1013765

Please return the whole form to The Holt School who will forward the standing order onto the bank once the reference number has been completed. Thank you.

STANDING ORDER

To: The ManagerBank/Building Society

Address:.....

..... Postcode:.....

Please pay to: Lloyds TSB, 1 Market Place, Reading, Berkshire. RG1 2EQ (30-96-96) for the credit of
Friends of The Holt School (04250998)

the sum of £ on/...../.....) and annually*/ monthly* (****delete as appropriate***)

thereafter until cancelled by me in writing, debiting my/our

A/C No:..... Sort Code:.....

The following number is to be quoted when making payment

(please leave blank – to be completed by Friends of The Holt School)

Signed: Date:

Please print name(s) of account holder(s).....

Name of Student:Form:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

This is the only form you need to complete to allow us to reclaim tax on your regular contributions

I would like Friends of The Holt School to reclaim tax on all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

I declare that I am a tax payer and have paid an amount of tax that at least equals the tax deducted from this donation.

Full name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Signature: Date: