

15th November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Year 7

The school year is already flying by and I hope that your daughter has now settled in well at school.

With so much to think about when your daughter joined us, you may not as yet had time to consider joining Friends of The Holt School. I thought I would therefore write to you now in the hope that you will agree to help us support the school going forward. If you are already contributing- thank you for your support!

Each year, our charity has raised in excess of £30,000 for the school, and since becoming an Academy these funds have provided donations towards our new Humanities Block (£200,000), 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 been instrumental in enabling the school to raise the balance of funds needed to supplement grant funding from the Department for Education. The school is now trying to raise £100,000 towards a new Drama and Dance building which it is hoped will be built in 2021, subject to a successful bid for grant funding from the Department of Education. This may sound a daunting target, but we have raised nearly £50,000 towards this project, thanks to the generous support of parents.

All of our students in Years 7-9 study dance and drama (as part of the PE curriculum) and currently have to use the school hall for many of their lessons. With increasing numbers joining us each year, the school is hoping to provide a specialist facility for these activities.

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 family's financial circumstances are different, so we would ask for contributions that are practical and affordable for you. However, for those looking for guidance, £10 per month is a popular level of support.

If you do not already regularly make donations to the school, please consider so now and complete the standing order form below 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 20% tax relief. Higher rate taxpayers can also claim, from HMRC, the difference between the basic rate of tax on your donation and the higher rate of tax you actually pay.

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 double 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.

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

Kind regards



Mrs Sian Lehrter
School Business Director & 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: