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As each edition of the Westcliff Diary clearly demonstrates, WHSB's pupils participate in a wide range of deeply enriching activities, both curricular and extra-curricular. These activities are core to our mission of developing both intellect and character in our young people, as represented by the Learner Profile, which underpins all we do.

It is important that we all understand that financing such activities, in particular extra-curricular provision, presents an increasing challenge to state schools, and WHSB is no different; Government funding for schools has been reducing in real terms across a number of years. As a grammar school, **we receive the absolute minimum funding per pupil allowed under government funding guidelines**, and funding allocations announced for 2026/27 have been extremely hard on us.

Until now, careful financial management has allowed us to offer;

- A broad curriculum for our pupils: while many schools have narrowed their academic offer to reduce costs, we have strived hard to maintain ours.
- A wide range of sporting, cultural & extra-curricular activities: fundamental if pupils are to reach their full potential.

In the current funding environment, without significant financial support from the School community (parents, Old Westcliffians, and other friends of the School) this will no longer be possible.

Societal pressures, the well-documented negative effects of social media on young people, and worrying aspects of so much that is in the news, have an enormous impact upon the wellbeing of young people, and so the opportunity to engage in social, sporting, and cultural pursuits during their school years has never been more important.

Our pupils deserve all that we can provide through our School community at this time, and your support can help make that happen.

An electronic copy of this document, with live links, can be found on the School's website – please follow **USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING**.

Mr S Rother, Director of Finance & Accounting



DONATING TO THE PUPIL FUND

The School should like to thank all those parents and others who have previously donated, or continue to donate, to the School's Pupil Fund. As a result, as well as funding equipment for classrooms and laboratories, and books for the Library, the Pupil Fund has supported activities and pursuits including Engineering, Computing, Sport, Music, Drama, and the School's Combined Cadet Force. By regularly donating £20 or £10 per month (or whatever you can afford), you will directly assist the School in supporting these crucial activities, for all our pupils.

Examples of what donations may provide:

- £120 might cover entry to extra-curricular competitions (e.g. chess, rocketry)
- £180 would buy 20–30 books for the Library
- £300 would pay for eight one-to-one, 1-hour counselling sessions
- £500 would cover coach transport to an away sporting fixture, or a theatre visit.
- £600 would provide kit for a full rugby team
- £800 would contribute towards technical support for a drama production.

Donating to the Pupil Fund is a straightforward way of making a one-off, or a regular, contribution towards these enriching activities.

The easiest and most convenient way of making a donation is by setting up a regular payment via your online banking, using the account details below:

Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30-97-84

Account number: 34480360

Account name: Westcliff High School for Boys

Any questions regarding these arrangements may be sent to the School Bursar at darbyn@whsb.essex.sch.uk.

The School is also able to accept donations by cash, cheque, ParentPay or one-off bank transfer directly, preferably accompanied by a Gift Aid form (if applicable). Gift Aid enables the school to benefit by a further 25% of voluntary donations given, so do please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration form if you are an eligible UK taxpayer via the link here: [Gift Aid Donation](#). It is important that parents understand that there is no obligation to make donations, and that all pupils can access our provision equally, regardless of whether their family choose to contribute.



"As an Old Westcliffian, and a parent who has had the pleasure of watching our sons benefit hugely from WHSB, I consider it important to continue to support the School's growing success through a monthly donation"

Old Westcliffian & Parent



PARENT PAY ITEM: VOLUNTARY DONATION TOWARDS TRIPS AND TRAVEL

This is a simple way to facilitate voluntary donations towards the cost of providing travel to School activities such as sports fixtures, extra-curricular competitions, or indeed to simply recognise and appreciate the School's efforts towards providing such extra-curricular opportunities to our pupils. Parents will see this item listed in the Parent Pay system, along with existing items, when you log in as normal.

TICKET SOURCE: VOLUNTARY DONATION

A similar facility for voluntary donations on Ticket Source, so when booking a School event, you can choose to add a donation





CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

The WHSB community now includes almost 1,300 pupils and their families, around 140 staff members, and thousands of Old Westcliffians who read our publications, attend our events, and follow us on social media. We would like to offer your business or organisation the opportunity to advertise in our termly School Magazine The Westcliff Diary (distributed in both hard copy and digitised versions), and in our programmes printed for the multitude of events taking place throughout the School Year, including Annual Speech Day, Sports Day and numerous concerts, drama and musical productions.

Annual advertising costs, to feature in each of the three termly issued editions of The Westcliff Diary throughout the academic year, are as follows:

Quarter Page Advert - £275

Half Page Advert - £500

Full Page Advert - £800 (three-year commitment £2,000)

In addition, our corporate sponsors will be prominently name-checked in each of our event programmes.

For further information, please contact Mr S Rotheron, Director of Finance and Accounting, Mrs D Holley the Headmaster's Personal Assistant, or Mrs J Clarke, Community Development Assistant, on 01702 475443.



"At WHSB we try to go beyond the core curriculum and give students a deeper insight into the science subjects. In the current budget climate, it is becoming very difficult to afford the materials required to suit this ambition"

Head of Chemistry



WHSB PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association is proud to support the School and each term we look forward to events at which to both fundraise and engage with members of our School Community. Look out for us at events such as Sports Day, and various Music & Drama events where you might find us running a bar, a raffle, or otherwise contributing to the success of the event.

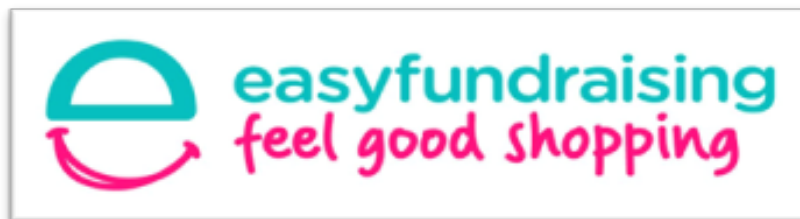
The Committee, Parents' Association

EASYFUNDRAISING FOR WHSB PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of the UK's favourite online stores including Amazon, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and over 2,000 others. Just use the links on the Easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, the PA will receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple and it is completely FREE to register. You will not pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the Easyfundraising site. In fact, you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers offer discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to Easyfundraising.

If you shop online anyway then why not raise valuable extra funds for us by using this fantastic scheme. All you need to do is visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and when you register, select Westcliff High School for Boys as the organisation you wish to support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westcliffhighschoolforboys/>. The more members of our School Community who choose to support us in this way, the more money we can raise for the School. Our thanks in anticipation!







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Headmaster: Mr M A Skelly M.A.