



# HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Charity Fundraising at HGS

Through our core values of Kindness, Respect and Positivity at HGS, we support communities through the charity work we do every year to fundraise for local, national and international charities.

In the current financial climate, we recognise that the pressures on everyone are felt keenly and, therefore, wanted to be able to provide an oversight of the charity events for the academic year so that you are able to decide what, if any, you are able to support. There is no expectation that any child donates to our charity events but, should you wish for them to, then we are always exceptionally grateful; as are the charities we support.

Last year we collectively we raised a staggering £10,452!

If you are a family who is in receipt of Pupil Premium, then please note that your child will not miss out on any of the charity events run in school this year. Please simply complete this very brief [Google Form](#) so that we know your wishes and we will then take care of everything else for you here in school.

For those families who would wish to, please note that for all charity events the suggested donation is the minimum - should you wish to donate more you are very welcome to.

## Charity arrangements for 2023/24

Our three big national charity days this year will be:

<p><a href="#">Jeans for Genes Day</a></p> 	<p>Friday 29.9.23</p>	<p>Wear jeans (or other denim items) to school for the day instead of your school uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suggested donation £1</li></ul>
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<a href="#">Children in Need</a>  	Thursday 16.11.23 (as we have an Occasional Day on 17.11.23)	Non Uniform Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested donation £1</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Comic Relief</a>  	Friday 15.3.24	Non Uniform Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested donation £1</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</a>  	Thursday 14.12.23	Wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory with your school uniform. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggested donation £1</li> </ul>

All the Houses are working together this year to support 1 joint charity for our 4 big House charity events. We are currently in the process of deciding which charity this will be and will confirm shortly. The 4 big charity events will be as follows:

<b>Curie</b> and <b>Rosa</b> House	<b>HGS Staff Dodgeball</b> 	Friday 20.10.23 Sports Hall Lunchtime	Suggested donation: £2
<b>Frank</b> and <b>Jewel</b> House	<b>HGS Christmas Fayre</b>	Thursday 14.12.23	Christmas stalls to purchase gifts and food + fairground games.

			-Various prices from 50p-£3 per item to buy.
<b>Austen</b> and <b>Teresa</b>	<b>HGS Sustainable Fashion Sale?</b> 	Tuesday 6.2.24	Suggested donation: bring any unwanted clothes to donate -
<b>Bronte</b> and <b>Pankhurst</b>	<b>HGS staff 5-a-side Football Match</b> 	Friday 26.4.24 Netball Courts Lunchtime	Suggested donation: £2

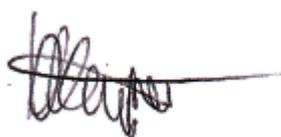
In addition to these big events, each House also supports their open charity as voted for by all students and staff in that House.

To fundraise for these, each House will run one smaller event between now and May half term such as a Bake Sale - students will be invited to donate items and purchase from these and further details/dates/times/locations will be provided nearer the time.

After the May half term, our whole school focus shifts from House charities towards Enterprise Month which culminates on Founders' Day which next year will be **Friday, 28 June 2024**. Students work as tutor groups to devise their own enterprise stalls which they then run during Sports Day afternoon on that day. All money raised from the stalls is divided between PHASE and used to pay for additional resources/equipment in school as voted for by the Student Leadership Team, for example the additional picnic benches we have installed.

I hope that this overview will prove useful for your child and you, as a family, and will support you with important financial decisions over the coming school year.

Yours sincerely,



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