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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school we are about to embark on a bid to upgrade our wonderful historic Main Hall and its audiovisual equipment, which over the years have seen us through so many memorable performances and beloved traditions, such as the Christmas Carol Service and the annual Gym & Dance display.

Our Main Hall is much more than a performance space as well. It's at the heart of so much we do on a daily basis. From keynote assemblies and house events to guest speaker talks and student-led presentations, this is where our students expand their learning, come together as a community and find their voices.

However, the hall's audiovisual infrastructure - sound, lighting, visual and filming equipment - is ageing, and increasingly limited by today's standards. To prepare your children for the future and to ensure they leave HGS with the confidence to communicate effectively in a digital age, we need to provide them with facilities that mirror the modern professional world. So we are starting a campaign, *HGS Amplify*, to raise funds to replace this AV equipment. The overall cost of the project and our fundraising target is £70,000.

We are writing to ask for any support you may be able to give in this. As a state school we have a very limited funding stream, so your help will make all the difference in whether we can realise this project. Your donations will translate directly to equipment that students can start using straight away.

The benefits of this upgrade will reach far beyond the Performing Arts such as music, dance and drama. We will be able to provide *all* students with opportunities to develop public speaking skills, technical literacy and creative expression – preparing them to thrive, participate and lead in any field they choose.

You can find out all about our project and how to contribute at tinyurl.com/HGSAmplify or you can **donate now here**.

Any contribution you can make, no matter how big or small, will help towards our collective effort and will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

James Crowther
Headteacher

