



“My time at South Hampstead truly changed my life. It opened doors I previously thought were closed. I was encouraged to cultivate my passions and to set out on a different path. A free place was like winning the lottery.”

ALISHA O'BRIEN-COKER (CLASS OF 2019)



“South Hampstead was a welcoming community and I made friends for life. My bursary didn't just change things for me but had a profoundly positive effect on my family too.”

LOLA BURSARI (CLASS OF 2005)



South Hampstead
High School
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The 1876 Society

Opening doors, hearts & minds since 1876

South Hampstead High School was founded in 1876 with the mission to provide education for all girls, regardless of means.

Up until 1976, and the end of the direct grant system, the Girls' Day School Trust were the largest providers of free, independent school places in the country. Today we can provide only a fraction of this previous support, but we are determined to increase this and ensure that all girls can 'learn without limits' – limits of race, education and, most importantly, limits of financial means.

“Low social mobility and a lack of educational opportunity is arguably the biggest social challenge for our time.”

SIR PETER LAMPL, FOUNDER OF THE SUTTON TRUST

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Supporting young girls into the future.

Bursaries at South Hampstead

Currently, just under 4.5% of our Senior School pupils receive means-tested financial support; this is a small fraction of the 35%/40% of pupils who received help at South Hampstead in the past.

Bursaries do transform lives and can have a lasting impact on social mobility and outcomes – not just for the individuals involved, but also for the families and communities they come from. What is more, a diverse and inclusive community benefits all the girls at South Hampstead.



“When we create bursaries to widen the scope of our intake, we offer life chances to individuals and an education to all.”

LYNN FRANK
FORMER TEACHER, GOVERNOR AND BURSARY BOARD MEMBER

In 2026, we will celebrate South Hampstead’s 150th Anniversary. We want to ensure that a South Hampstead education remains accessible to as many bright young women as possible, regardless of the financial circumstances of their family. We have committed to doubling our provision for bursaries by this anniversary and we are working with local schools, organisations, youth projects and our surrounding councils so that our bursary places go to the right girls and create truly enabling opportunities.

But we need your help...



The 1876 Society

We are inviting members of our community to commit to a regular termly donation to help support a bursary pupil at South Hampstead. Regular donations help us to plan for the future and secure funding for pupils throughout their time at the school.

Any contribution is welcome and makes a difference, and those committing to an annual sum of £1,876 (£1,500 + gift aid) or more, will be recognised through our 1876 Society, named after the year we were founded.

DONATION PER TERM	£500
DONATION PER YEAR	£1,500
VALUE WITH GIFT AID	£1,876
VALUE OVER 10 YEARS	£18,760
LEAVERS’ DEPOSIT DONATION	£1,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	£19,760

£1,500 is less than the difference between the fees at South Hampstead and at equivalent boys’ schools. £19,760 is the equivalent of a full fee bursary.

Make a donation

To join the 1876 Society, set up a regular monthly donation of £125, or a termly donation of £500, or £1,500 per year via:

Online regular giving
WWW.GDST.NET/DONATE/SOUTHAMPSTEAD
 Direct debit (see donation form)
 ParentPay (for current parents)

To make a one-off donation visit
WWW.GDST.NET/DONATE/SOUTHAMPSTEAD
 Complete the donation form or contact
DEVELOPMENT@SHHS.GDST.NET

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Name

I wish to make a **regular / single** donation of £ via

DIRECT DEBIT

starting on DD / MM / YYYY. And, afterwards on the same day

Monthly Quarterly Annually Until further notice,

or untilpayments have been made

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Name of account holder(s)

Bank/Building Society account number | Branch Sort Code

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager Name of Bank or Building Society

Address

Service user number | Reference

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society: Please pay the Girls’ Day School Trust Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with the GDST and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature Date

BANK TRANSFER - Girls’ Day School Trust

Acc no: 84552549 Sort code: 60-04-04

IBAN number: GB79NWBK60040484552549 BIC/Swift: NWBKGB2L

CHEQUE - Payable to ‘Girls’ Day School Trust.’

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I want to Gift Aid this donation, and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to the Girls’ Day School Trust and/or GDST Academy Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Titles / Initials / Surname

Postcode Date DD / MM / YYYY

Signature

Please return your form to

South Hampstead High School, 3 Maresfield Gardens, London, NW3 5SS

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