

Class of Bursaries

Opening doors, hearts & minds

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 do more.

Bursaries 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 FRANKFormer 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 to ensure that 1 in 10 of our pupils has access to a fully funded place by September 2026.

"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



The Opening Doors Bursary Campaign

We are inviting everyone in our community to get involved with our mission and donate to our *Opening Doors Bursary Campaign*.

Any contribution will change a young girls' education and regular gifts help us to plan for the future and secure funding for pupils throughout their time at the school.

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The *Class of* Bursaries bring together alumnae from the same year group to help support the campaign. Regular donations quickly add up and allow us to plan for the future, but any support is welcome and will make a real difference.

We invite leaving parents to donate their original registration deposit to their daughter's *Class of bursary fund*, creating a legacy to their daughter's time at school.

AVERAGE SIZE OF CLASS	80
MONTHLY DONATION	£20
VALUE WITH GIFT AID	£25
ANNUAL VALUE	£300
TOTAL CLASS CONTRIBUTION	£24,000



Make a donation

You can join your *Class of* bursary by setting up a regular gift or making a one-off donation

Name $ \bigcirc \mbox{ I would like to make a single donation of £ } $		
I would like to make a regular donation of £ And, afterwards on the same day Monthly or until payments have been made Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER(S)	starting on DD / MM / YYYYY Quarterly Annually Until further notice, Signature(s) Date	
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