



South Hampstead  
High School  
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**Bursary Supporters Newsletter**  
December 2023

# Opening Doors

*I am delighted to share an update and news about our bursary programme and progress with our supporters.*

*The highlight for fundraising this term was the hugely successful Opening Doors Bursary Dinner. Not only was it a wonderful event which epitomised the generous spirit of the South Hampstead community, but it was also a real endorsement of our bursary vision.*

*This year, 1 in 10 of our new pupils, and 1 in 15 pupils across the whole senior school are receiving life-changing bursary awards. We still have much more to do, but your support is helping to make our ambition of at least 1 in 10 bursary pupils become a reality.*

*Thank you very much.*



Head, Anna Paul

### Support us



#### Impact

## *The Philanthropy Review*

Our philanthropy review this year focuses on stories from our current and former pupils who have benefitted from bursary awards. I hope that you all feel a sense of personal pride in your contribution to the wonderful history of 150 years of accessibility to a life changing education when you read these stories.

## Impact Report

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### Events

## *Opening Doors Dinner*



Alumnae, parents, pupils and staff came together to raise an incredible £300,000 at our [Opening Doors Bursary Dinner](#).

Thank you to everyone from across our whole community who contributed to this event.

[Continue your support](#)

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### New Awards

## *1:10 NEW awards*

We have welcomed 10 new bursary students this term at 16+ and 11+ . They join our 33 existing award holders and have already settling into school and are making wonderful contributions to our South Hampstead community.

[Read more](#)

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## Giving Back

### *Displaced pupils*



Your support continues to help pupils from the Ukraine and we were delighted to catch up with them as they shared their South Hampstead experience at the end of the summer term.

### Q&A with our Ukrainian award holders

## Events

### *The Head's Breakfast*

We are holding a series of small breakfasts for supporters to meet and get to know our new Head, Mrs Anna Paul. Spaces are limited so if you are interested in joining a breakfast and finding out more about the vision for the future at South Hampstead and how you can be involved, please contact us



### Breakfast with the Head

## Giving Back

# *The Class of 2023*



Each year, we invite our leaving families to donate to a *Class of* bursary as a legacy to their daughter's time at the school. The BlackHeart Foundation has once again generously agreed to match the funds raised and, as a result, the Class of 2023 will be supporting a full year Sixth Form bursary.

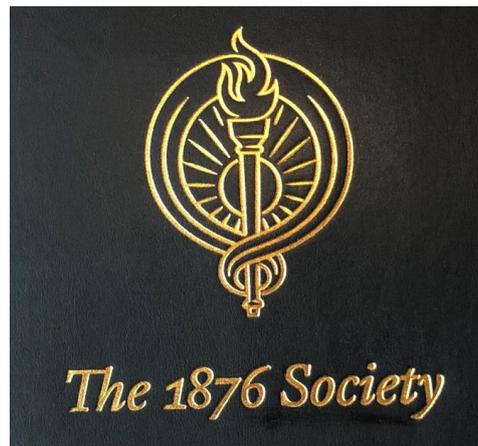
### Class of Bursaries

## Giving Back

# *The 1876 Society*

We were delighted to welcome 16 new 1876 Society members this term. By pledging a regular termly or annual donation, the 1876 Society ensures that we have ongoing funding once a bursary pupil has joined the school. If you are already giving to our bursary programme and would like to find out more about joining the society, please contact us.

### The 1876 Society



## Giving Back

# *1876 Society Meeting*



Our 2nd meeting took place at the end of the summer term and was an opportunity to say goodbye to Vicky Bingham. At our next meeting, we would like to encourage 1876 members to bring a fellow parent or alumnae who might be interested in joining the society as their guest, so please save the date.

**Next meeting Wednesday 15th  
May**

## Giving Back

# *Your legacy, their future*

More than half of our Minerva Circle members come from our Hon. Alumnae Community (Former Staff). This term we launched a new [campaign](#) to highlight the benefits of Legacy giving and our former Head, Averil Burgess, shared her own reasons for joining the Minerva Circle.



## Join the Minerva Circle

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## Giving Back

# Community support



Pupils and parents drank coffee and ate ice-creams with award winning journalist and alumna Katya Adler, Baroness Lynne Featherstone and world number one Ice Dancer Lilah Fear, all in support of our Opening Doors Bursary Auction. Thank you so much to everyone who donated prizes and bid to help raise funds and make such a difference to our bursary award holders.

## Continue your support

# Class of bursaries

As we prepare to welcome back alumnae to the Annual Reunion in March, two new *Class of* Bursary appeals will be launched with the Class of 1974 and 1984. If you would like to find out more or start your own *Class of* Bursary please contact us.



## The Class of Bursaries

# The Bursary Board



The Bursary Board is made up of individuals who have made a significant contribution to the programme and have committed to help us promote our mission to others. Our newest member is Alumna Chloe Tartan who spoke at the recent dinner. If you would like to find out more about joining the board, please contact us.

## Chloe Tartan speaks out

### Community

# Resplendens

The latest edition of Resplendens highlights some of the many ways our community gives back to South Hampstead, beyond financial support. If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive a hard copy of the magazine, please let us know.



## Resplendens Magazine

## Giving Back

# Bursary Ambassadors



### How do you look after your bursary pupils?

Our admissions team are here to guide all our bursary candidates through the application process. We have a team of bursary mentors, including staff and former pupils, who also attended South Hampstead on free places. They will be on hand to answer any questions and support bursary pupils and their families with the application, and throughout their time at the school. When a new pupil joins the school, they will be linked up with a buddy to help them settle in. All our pupils have access to our in-house professional counsellors and will also have a pastoral tutor to ensure that they are coping and thriving both emotionally and academically.

We know that members of our community are involved with outreach work and volunteer with many different youth organisations. If you can help promote our bursary scheme to young women who would really benefit from a South Hampstead education, please do share our bursary information with them and encourage them to make an application.

## Bursary Application Process

## School

# Festive wishes

And finally, as we celebrate the season of thanksgiving and good will, please take a moment to watch our bursary pupil Neve as she shares her own personal message of thanks with you, our supporters.



## A message from Neve

## *Dates for your diary*

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**1 FEBRUARY** Breakfast with the Head (Full)

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**20 MARCH** Breakfast with the Head

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**24 MARCH** Annual Alumnae Reunion Tea

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**15 MAY** 1876 Society Meeting

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## *South Hampstead stats*

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2018

1:27

Senior pupils with  
bursary awards

2023

1:15

Senior pupils with  
bursary awards

2026

1:10?

Senior pupils with  
bursary awards

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