



A Music School with No Limits

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the school need to raise money at all?

As we evolve as a school, we are determined that our facilities and resources should match our first class levels of teaching and care, ensuring that our students gain the benefits of learning in a truly contemporary environment. Whilst our school has a strong history of philanthropic support, it does not have a significant endowment to support its continual development and progress (unlike many other independent schools). We endeavour to keep school fees as low as possible, and whilst the income we receive from fees and from the GDST allows us to provide the high quality of education we offer, some of the innovative developments and opportunities that we wish for our girls and our school are beyond our current budgeting reach. Therefore, donations to help support and enable these innovations to be pursued are of great importance to the future of our school and very gratefully received.

Why aren't we investing in the recording studio if it's so important?

The Royal High School is undergoing a significant period of investment and development. We are making improvements to a wide range of facilities, including refurbishing our boarding accommodation, significantly extending and improving our sports facilities and replacing our whole roof. We are thrilled to have secured the investment from the GDST to enable us able to fund the majority of the new Music School, but with so many other exciting developments happening at the same time, we simply cannot afford the Recording Studio as well. Nonetheless, we strongly believe that it is a key part of the new Music School and that is why we have chosen to direct fundraising efforts towards this fantastic new resource.

A Recording Studio can be bought for less than the appeal target. Why do we need to raise so much?

With music equipment, you really do get what you pay for. A higher standard, professional studio will enable a far wider range of recording and production options, as well as a superior end product. Furthermore, we want to make sure the Studio we invest in is not only of a first class standard now, but will continue to be a top quality piece of technology for the future.

How much will the Junior School girls benefit from the new Music School and Recording Studio?

These new facilities will be based on the Senior School site, but we already have exciting plans in place to enable our younger students to benefit from them. Junior School girls will be able to take part in one-off workshops and after-school clubs in the new teaching spaces and in the Recording Studio. Units of work involving composition will be completed by enabling the girls to record their music within the Studio, and the choir will also have the chance to record the songs they learn during the year.

Will my donation go directly towards the Recording Studio or will it be used to cover admin costs?

Every penny you donate will be used to facilitate the Recording Studio (or potentially other exciting resources within the new Music School, if the funds raised exceed those necessary to facilitate the Recording Studio). The relatively low administrative costs involved in running the fundraising campaign are enabled and supported by the school and GDST's overall budget.

My daughter will be leaving before the Music School is built. Why should I donate?

Many parents like to mark the end of their daughter's time at our school by making a donation to celebrate and show their thanks for the wonderful education their daughter has received. This philanthropic gesture is something that will benefit other girls for many years into the future. Furthermore, due to our popular Alumnae Network, when your daughter leaves the Royal High School, she still very much remains part of our community and we would warmly welcome her, and you, back to use these facilities in the future.

What is happening with the previously proposed Sports Development?

After taking local authority planning restrictions and the views of our local residents and community into consideration, the original sports development project became no longer viable. However, sport still remains a top priority at the RHS and is a key part of our current capital investment programme, that along with the Music School will include new courts, a new fitness suite and a new dance studio (subject to planning approval).

I would like to donate, but don't want to donate towards the Recording Studio. What are my options?

Thank you for your interest in supporting other areas of the school, we are very grateful indeed. There are many other projects which would benefit from your support, and we would be delighted to discuss these with you further. Additionally, we warmly welcome all ideas and thoughts about how you feel our school should develop. This is your school, and we want to ensure our development plans mirror the wishes and hopes of our community members, so please do speak to us if you have any specific wishes for how your donation is spent. Simply contact the Development Office to discuss this further.

I would like to donate towards a bursary scheme, do you have one?

Yes, we do. We provide many bursaries every year so that a Royal High School education is accessible to the best and the brightest girls, including those who are not in a position to pay full fees. We have an ongoing Bursary Fund, specifically for the Royal High School, which aids in the provision of our bursaries. Many parents and alumnae have chosen to contribute to this fund in the past through regular donations or even legacy gifts. If you would like to donate to our Bursary Fund please visit www.gdst.net/donate, choose The Royal High School Bath, and then the Bursary Fund as your preferred option when prompted. More information about all GDST bursaries, and a network-wide Bursary Campaign called the 'Girls First Bursary Fund' can be found here: <https://www.gdst.net/support-us/girls-first-bursary-fund>

I am not a UK resident. Can you accept my gift?

Absolutely, and we would be very happy to do so. The easiest way to do this is via the online donation page, at www.gdst.net/donate however, if you have any problems with this please do get in touch.

If you are US resident, you can make a donation through the British Schools and Universities Foundation (575 Madison Avenue, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10022-2511, www.bsuf.org). United States taxpayers are able to make tax deductible contributions to this Foundation via cash, securities, charitable trusts, testamentary trusts or individual retirement accounts. BSUF disburses these grants without charging fees or commissions of any kind.

What is your registered charity number and address?

The Royal High School Bath is part of The Girls Day School Trust, which is a registered charity (306983) based at 100 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JP.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact our Development Coordinator, Anna Robertson:

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