

FINTON HOUSE AS A REGISTERED CHARITY

NO.296588

Finton House, like many independent schools, is a registered charity.

'Charity' is the act of extending kindness to others, and it is this that makes Finton the school that we know and love today. Since it was founded, Finton's story has been built on inclusivity and philanthropy - in other words, the 'Open Hearts and Guiding Hands' that we extend to those around us. We have felt the warmth of our community through the countless pupil-led charitable initiatives, such as the Feb 100K Kids or the Ukraine Appeal, and the generosity of our parents in response to these.

Historically, independent schools could automatically claim charitable status and benefit from the waiving of VAT and business rates. In 2006 the law was amended and the Charity Commission required that **independent schools demonstrate how they were creating public benefit in order to maintain charitable status**. Within the last few years this subject has come under intense political scrutiny, with a growing pressure on independent schools to be stripped of their charitable status altogether.

**LOSING OUR CHARITABLE STATUS IS
A THREAT WE CANNOT IGNORE.**

Amidst a challenging economic climate, the threat of imposing VAT and business rates on already stretched school budgets is of serious concern. For Finton, this would mean a fundamental change in its business model and operations. **For parents, the removal of VAT exemption would mean at least a 15% increase in fees overnight.**

We are all proud to be part of the Finton family and uphold its philanthropic history. Now we must demonstrate why we deserve our charitable status, and we intend to do this by considering our public benefit and what more we can do.

**ONE THING IS CLEAR: TO LOSE OUR
CHARITABLE STATUS WOULD BE TO
LOSE OUR IDENTITY.**

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FINTON AT 40

TAKING THE SCHOOL
TOWARDS **AND BEYOND**
OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHAT WE AIM TO DO

We must demonstrate that Finton House's existence is a benefit to the public, and we can do this by asking ourselves what more we can do for those who are unable to access all that Finton has to offer.

We want to offer more young people a Finton foundation in life by growing our bursary scheme to reach more families who otherwise could not afford to join us. We also want to allow a wider access to Finton resources through outreach and meaningful partnerships.

By Finton's 40th Birthday in 2027, we aim to be raising **over £300,000 per annum** in additional funding to broaden the impact our bursary and outreach programmes have on the lives of our community.

£250,000 per annum will change 15 lives a year through bursaries: our Finton Fifteen. Our means-tested bursaries can include funding for everything from uniform and travel support to clubs and music lessons. To date, 18 pupils in total have benefitted from the scheme, moving on to senior schools including Streatham & Clapham High School, Dulwich College and Royal Russell School on similar awards, meaning that this programme is **truly transformational**.

£50,000 per annum will establish and sustain enriching partnerships for both Finton pupils and our community. We are teaching future generations to question, explore, and understand by utilising specialist teaching, resources and facilities. Through establishing sustained and impactful partnerships, we are able to share these with local state schools and charities.

THE BENEFIT TO OUR CHILDREN

Life is wonderfully and unashamedly **diverse**. We have a commitment to preparing Fintonians for life beyond the classroom, and there is no question that to widen their experience here is to better prepare them for the diversity of society. Initiatives like these will enrich their lives as they foster new (and perhaps unexpected) relationships and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. The result is children who leave us as kind, confident and resilient individuals who are equipped for life at senior school and beyond.

THE '1987 PLEDGE'

We would like the members of our Finton family to make a '1987 Pledge', referencing Finton's year of establishment and the pledge to inclusivity and diversity that the School's founders made 35 years ago.

Making a '1987 Pledge' will involve giving a donation either monthly or termly which will go towards the annual (unrestricted) fund; this means that the School can then utilise it for partnerships, bursaries or an emergency appeal such as the Ukrainian Refugee Education Fund.

THE VALUE OF SOMETHING,
THE POWER OF EVERYONE.



There are three levels of giving that we would like everyone to consider, two of which are listed below:

YOUR MONTHLY DONATION	£19.87 per month
ANNUAL COMMITMENT	£238.44 per annum
AMOUNT WE RECEIVE WITH GIFT AID	£298.05 per annum
WHAT YOU RECEIVE	Named on the roll of honour in the annual impact report and regular 1987 Pledge updates.

YOUR MONTHLY DONATION	£198.70 per month
ANNUAL COMMITMENT	£2384.40 per annum
AMOUNT WE RECEIVE WITH GIFT AID	£2980.50 per annum
WHAT YOU RECEIVE	Annual drinks reception; named on the roll of honour in the annual impact report and regular 1987 Pledge updates

THE FINTON HOUSE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The highest level of giving through making the '1987 Pledge' results in membership of the Finton House Development Board. This body has a direct voice and impact on the School's philanthropic strategy, working closely with the Head, Governors and Development Team through termly advisory meetings and 1:1 conversations. As a thank you, membership includes an annual dinner alongside the benefits of the other pledge levels.

YOUR TERMLY DONATION	£1987.00 per term
ANNUAL COMMITMENT	£5961.00 per annum
AMOUNT WE RECEIVE WITH GIFT AID	£7451.25 per annum

We respect that members giving at this level may wish to remain anonymous, and so would work with these individuals privately on a need-to-know basis. At Development Board level, we also work with those who have a desire to support specific initiatives.

GIFT AID & TAX RELIEF

The School is able to claim a further 25% on top of your pledge should you be eligible for gift aid (Individual UK Taxpayer paying at least the level of donation in tax per annum). This can increase the School funds significantly.

You are also able to claim up to 40% tax relief on your donations, reducing your liability to HMRC.

OTHER GIFTS

If you would like to discuss any donation amount outside of the above, we would be happy to discuss this with you. Please feel free to contact development@fintonhouse.org.uk and we will be in touch.



FINTON HOUSE
OPEN HEARTS AND GUIDING HANDS