



NOTTING HILL & EALING
HIGH SCHOOL

GDST
GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Parents' 150th Anniversary Bursary

Everyone makes a difference

At Notting Hill & Ealing High School we have been educating girls since 1873 to reach their potential. Our students are aspirational but grounded; our community is strong yet open-minded; our alumnae go out into the world with good hearts as well as fine minds.

September 2023 marks our 150th anniversary, a significant milestone in our history. From our earliest years, there were past and present staff and parents, alumnae and governors, who recognised that provision needed to be made for those talented girls for whom a NHEHS education was beyond reach. We are proud of our philanthropic roots and the diverse and meritocratic school culture it has created. Thank you to those of you who have helped and continue to help us remain so.

In the academic year 2021-2022, 44 of our students received financial support, 32 of whom were recipients of transformational, full-fee awards, with the remainder given help with fees from between 30% and 75%.

As we look to the future, we have identified accessibility and affordability as requiring our most urgent attention. Fees in all independent schools continue to be a challenge; this limits the number of families who can afford us. Every year we have to turn away 80% of deserving families because, despite their daughters' talent and generous contributions from our community, sufficient bursary funds are just not available. While we lead the sector in so many ways we lag behind many other independent schools in our current provision, with just 7% of our school population receiving bursaries as opposed to 10%, which is our sector's stated aim. Given our location in one of the most ethnically and economically diverse areas of London and the down-to-earth yet aspirational nature of the school we wish to do much better in this area.

So, as our landmark approaches, we launch our 150th Anniversary Bursary Campaign.

With your help we hope to provide a minimum of three new bursaries, timed to start on the school's birthday in September 2023. Two of these will run for the seven senior school years and one for the two sixth form years. We wish to make them transformational i.e. 95+%, for those with a total family income of less than £42,500 a year. We will name each of these bursaries in recognition of the contributors: for our alumnae, former parents and former staff, **'The OGA Alumnae 150th Anniversary Bursary'**, for our current parents in both the junior and senior schools, **'The Parents' 150th Anniversary Bursary'** and, for our Leavers, **'The Class of 2023 Bursary'**. This would be our biggest investment in bursaries since the end of the Assisted Places scheme in 1997. As we look forward to our next 150 years, we will reinforce the NHEHS founders' commitment to the accessibility of our school.

We ask that you read through this brochure and consider whether you can partner with us to realise this ambition.

We are most grateful to those who are able to support with gifts great or small; all donations of whatever size make a difference, and there are lots of different ways in which you can donate.

As Margaret Mead said: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.'



Matthew Shoults,
Headmaster

M. Shoults



Kate Bevan,
Head of Junior
School

K Bevan



Charlie Altman,
Chair of Governors

Charlie Altman

Hear from our former bursary recipients.....



Natasha Delcourt
Class of 2002

'When I got to NHEHS everyone was given the same opportunities, the same chance; I want to support efforts to ensure that this equal access is offered right from the beginning, from the admissions stage. I am proud to support the NHEHS bursary fund.'



Brenda Owen (née Lewis)
Class of 1978

'My father was blind and there would have been no way my parents could have afforded a public school education. I threw myself into everything!'



Anna Lewy
(née Piotrowski)
Class of 2009

'The education I received at NHEHS has shaped my life, empowered my career and established my values. I am very grateful to the donors whose generosity meant that I was able to access a life-changing education at NHEHS.'



Madeleine Heggs
(née Calderan)
Class of 1948

'The school taught me certain standards, both academic and moral. For me, giving to the bursary fund is about giving bright children an opportunity who would otherwise not have access to such a high standard of education.'



Sophie Ralli
Class of 2006

'I came by the phrase 'safe space; brave space' the other day – I don't remember the context – but that is what NHEHS was for me. The NHEHS art teachers who taught me in the Art Studio were very supportive. There I found stability and safety as well as affirmation of my potential. They opened me up to the possibilities of what I could achieve.'



Alisha Ahmed
Class of 2022

'Before I came to NHEHS for sixth form, my teachers were great but focused on getting us to pass our exams, to reach a certain level. Here, the teachers give you so much support; they really care. You are encouraged to go as far as you want to. Being at NHEHS has made me realise that there isn't a limit on what I can achieve.'



Clare Johnson
(née Walkden)
Class of 1973

'For me, receiving a bursary meant stability, continuity and the opportunity of a broad academic education which has stood me in good stead all my life. The funding of bursaries opens windows to the fresh air and clear light of knowledge and doors to children's lifetimes of adventure.'



Ayesha Sehgal
Class of 2018

'My seven years at Notting Hill and Ealing High School helped mould me into the person I am today and helped me access opportunities I never would have thought possible. I am incredibly grateful to have received the bursary.'

*Mrs Malinowski
mother of Erin
Malinowski,
Class of 2020*

'Receiving a bursary has enabled our daughter to access an all-encompassing education, allowing her to thrive and achieve her maximum potential. Throughout her years at NHEHS she has been nurtured and inspired, becoming the accomplished young woman we are so very proud of. We will be forever grateful for the bursary award.'



*Angellica Bell
Ambassador of the
NHEHS 150th
Anniversary Bursary
Appeal Class of 1993*

'Sometimes in the moment you don't realise its value or importance. It may sound strange, but I've always said I was blessed to have been awarded a bursary to attend NHEHS - the drive the other students gave me, the belief some teachers had in me and since that time the opportunities which have opened doors for me. Now, after twenty years in television and radio, I want to ensure that future generations of students get the chance to be educated at

the school as I did, irrespective of economic barriers. At the end of the day, being a pupil at NHEHS helped mould me and gave me the confidence to be the person I am today. It gave me insight into what could be achieved - everyone should have that chance. I am delighted to support the 150th Anniversary Bursary Appeal and look forward to meeting supporters over the coming year.'

FAQs

What is a bursary?

A bursary is a reduction in school fees. Bursary awards are provided to families where a child meets a school's admissions criteria, but the family does not have the income or financial resources to accept a place or to remain at the school. A bursary is now distinct from a scholarship: it is means-tested, awarded on an independent assessment of a parent's ability to pay, not on the child's performance in a specific area.

How much is awarded?

The size of the award depends on a family's financial situation. Most independent schools offer a range of financial support, and the GDST usually offers bursaries from 30% upwards. Awards above 95% are often referred to as transformational bursaries.

What are the criteria for awarding a bursary?

In common with other GDST schools in London, NHEHS awards higher-value bursaries to families with a total income of less than £42,500, who have no capital assets other than their home. It is unlikely that a bursary would be awarded to a family whose annual income is greater than £92,500, other than in very exceptional circumstances. Whilst it is anticipated that a bursary will last for the duration of the student's time at school, it is reassessed annually to take account of any significant changes in family circumstances and to ensure bursary support is directed where it is needed most.

What exactly is the bursary offer to students at NHEHS?

At NHEHS, depending on the size of the award, students will also receive help to meet the cost of their uniform, school lunches, music lessons, travel, (if a child lives more than 3 miles from school), and essential school trips. In the Sixth Form, 100% bursary holders are provided with a laptop, and we fund three university visits as well as the cost of a ticket to the Year 13 Prom. Providing this additional support allows our bursary recipients to make the most of the opportunities offered by the school.

How many students at NHEHS currently receive bursaries?

We currently offer up to seven bursaries for 11+ entrants in each year and two additional bursaries for Sixth Form. In the last academic year, we had a total of 44 bursary students: 32 were recipients of transformational awards, with the remainder given help from 30% to 75%. 44 students represent 7% of the school population.



*Richard and Ali Palmer,
current parents*

‘As parents of girls at NHEHS we decided to donate to the Bursary fund so that girls requiring financial assistance who could otherwise not afford a private education are given the opportunity to join. Our girls have benefited from a broad curriculum which has stretched their intellectual curiosity as well as offering them a wide range of extracurricular activities including excellent music, drama and sport. If we can help other girls to benefit from the same education it will ensure that we leave a legacy for future generations.’

Ways to give

Thank you for considering donating to our 150th Anniversary Appeal.

You can make a gift in many ways. Your options include, a regular donation, for example, through the '1% more' method; a single, one-off gift; or a legacy pledge.

For additional information on the '1% more' giving method, please see opposite; otherwise the enclosed donation form should have all the information you need to make a donation.

Whichever way you choose, your generosity is appreciated and will help fund a transformational bursary for a talented student.

If you would like to discuss a donation or have any questions about our Bursary Programme then please contact Molly Tollit, our Development Manager, at development@nhehs.gdst.net



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—Margaret Mead



1% more

Donors who make regular gifts are vital to our programme. To ensure our 150th campaign has the reach and impact we seek, it must be sustainable; regular giving is an important part of this.

The '1% more' method is an initiative designed to make regular giving as straightforward and accessible as we can for as many of our parents as possible.

If you choose to make a regular commitment using this method, you are agreeing to donate 1% of your school fees for a minimum of three terms, or twelve months if you pay your fees monthly. Details are shown on the enclosed donation form but essentially you would be committing to donate around £200 a year to the bursary fund. In addition, by completing the Gift Aid Declaration you can make your gift worth 25% more.

It will take you no more than 5 mins to sign up to this method by completing the Google form here <https://forms.gle/d85Qf6NxX8DztLb98>

One fully-funded Senior School Bursary

Fee-paying families	Percentage of fees	Period of time
100%	1%	1yr
50%	1%	2yrs
33%	1%	3yrs



Without the bursary, I wouldn't have been able to attend Notting Hill and Ealing High School and none of these experiences would have been available to me. I wouldn't be the person I am today. For that, and so much more, I will forever be grateful.

— Erin Malinowski, Class of 2020

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