Building our Children's Future

The Appeals Association

A message from our chair

We, the Appeals Committee, are a group of parents who work within charity status to raise funds for St James's School. The charity is run by the parents/carers and supports the school in improving the educational opportunities for the children of St James's.

The Appeals Association's moto is **'Building our Children's Future'.** Since its formation in September 1985 it has raised over £500,000 and through careful stewardship of the funds, we are proud to say that we have made a significant difference to the school experience for thousands of pupils. We have been able to provide funding to enhance the facilities, resources and opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to the students of the school.

It is worth pointing out that any money that is raised through the scheme is used within a set time period so that the doners are actively supporting opportunities for their children as they progress through the school as well as leaving a lasting legacy for those who have yet to come.

This leaflet highlights some of the projects that the committee has funded in recent years.

We appreciate the many commitments you have but ask that you give consideration to supporting the Appeals Association charity which is solely for the benefit of pupils at the school. Without your support we are not able to provide those extra resources and facilities we believe to be desirable to enhance your child's education – not just now but in the future.

Pre Covid, we would ask the parents/carers of pupils starting at St James's in year 7 to sign up to a monthly/annual donation, but because the funds raised support children in all year groups, we would ask everyone to consider supporting this worthy cause and help build on their child's future.

Regular monthly contributions are desirable and, if you are a tax payer we can maximise this benefit by claiming Gift Aid. Any amount would be gratefully received, and this can be indicated on the standing order mandate on the back page of this leaflet.

For more details please contact Gill Whitehead at:
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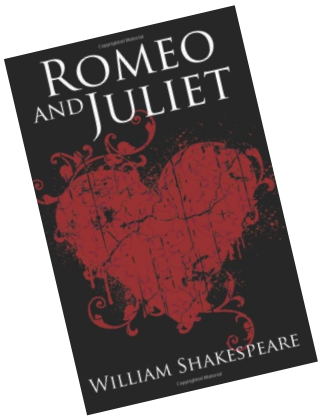
Over £500 000 has been provided by the association to support the school to build our children's future.

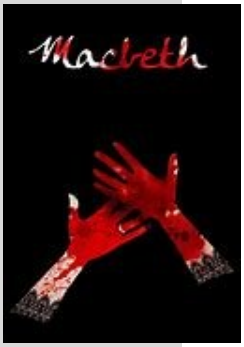
We are a registered Charity— Charity No 1003076

Some examples of how our support has provided "that little bit extra" for children at St James's



Cultural Capital

The English Department … "The money from The Appeals Association has supported the cultural enrichment of young people at St James's. It provided us with the funds to hire the Young Shakespeare company to come into school and perform Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet to all year 8 and 9 pupils. The interactive performances set in contemporary settings allow our young people to experience Shakespeare's language and see the plot and characters come to life. Without appeals, we simply would not be able to offer this to our young people free of charge. We are so grateful." **Head of English**

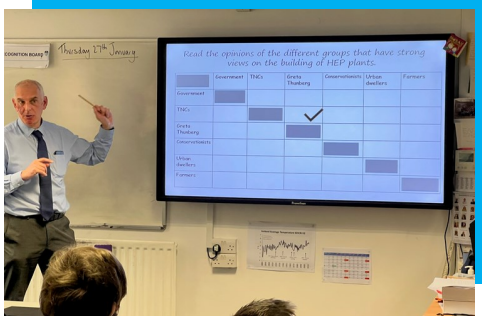


Drama … the funding we obtained from the Appeals Association subsidised a trip for the whole of year 7 to watch The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Lowry Theatre. An experience that they will never forget.

Equipment

Science... The science department received a grant from The Appeals Association to purchase 30 new microscopes. These are used throughout all year groups and have been invaluable in lessons.

Art, Technology, RE, Spanish, Geography, PSHE and Citizenship all benefitted from funding from the Appeals Association to buy state of the art, wall mounted interactive computer screens which bring class presentations to life. This would not have been possible without the Appeals Association.



Technology … a set of 10 high quality drills has transformed the teaching of technology and no longer do 20 children have to queue up to use one desk drill.

Computing … "We were so grateful for the grant we received from the Appeals Association which enabled us to buy a new class set of computers for one of our new computer rooms. What a difference they have made for the pupils."

Art—The Appeals Association funded an art workshop. This enabled a professional artist to work with our GCSE students. Funding was also provided for the purchase of 4 DSLR cameras which supported the introduction of **GCSE photography**.

School sport—Two sets of football goals to support curricular and extra-curricular sport.

Music and Drama— A set of 10 stage microphones and additional stage lighting to support the excellent concerts, performances put on by the school.

Sports Presentation Evening - The funding for over 500 trophies and medals was provided by the Appeals Association to celebrate the success of our sports performers. The last guest speakers were brother and sister Jake (Newcastle and England U20s Football) and Millie Turner (Manchester United and England U21s football) who also donated their time.

The Appeals Association funded the outfits for the highly successful **'St James's Royals' Cheer Team**.

Rewards and Celebrating success—The Appeals Association funded thousands of badges that are used to motivate and reward students from all year groups.

History brought to life— The Appeals Association provided funds to enable the History Department to welcome into school a WW1 expert who brought with him an fascinating collection of relics which amazed staff and pupils alike.

Hot off the press—the Appeals Association has just donated £7000 to buy equipment to allow all pupils in year 9 to do the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

St James's Church of England School Appeals Association
Building Our Children's Future Together

I/We wish to contribute to the work of the Trustees in developing the future of the school and its facilities.
Direct Debit form here

I/We wish to make a donation of £_____Monthly / Yearly (please delete one) by Standing Order.
I/We wish the St James's School Charity to treat all donations that I/we make from the date of the first payment until further notice as GIFT AID DONATIONS. I am a UK taxpayer.

Name: _____ _____ Child's Name: _____
(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Rev)

Address: _____

Postcode: _____Signed: _____ Date: _____

NB: For every £1 you donate Gift Aid allows us to claim back over 25p from HM Revenue and Customs- increasing the value of your gift by nearly a third at no cost to you.

Example

Net monthly amount to the Appeal	Net annual amount to the Appeal	Value of donation after Gift Aid	What extra your donation is worth after tax at no extra cost to yourself
£3	£36	£45	£9
£10	£120	£150	£30
£30	£360	£450	£90

Higher rate tax payers can offset their contributions against their higher rate tax, thereby reducing the cost of the Gift Aid to themselves. (The appeal can only recover the basic rate tax).

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Donor's bank account			
Bank			
Sort Code		**Account No**	
Account Name			

Payment details		Please make the specified payments to St James's School Charity Account until further notice	
Amount	**£**	**Signed**	
Frequency	**Monthly / Yearly** (delete one)	**Start Date**	

St James's School Charity bank account			
Bank	Nat West Bank, 121 Market Street, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 8EV		
Sort Code	01-03-21	**Account No**	83015671
Account Name	St James Comprehensive School Appeal Fund 2		

To the bank: If this Standing Order is rejected, please return this form to:

The Treasurer, St James's C of E School Appeals Association, Lucas Road, Farnworth, Bolton BL4 9RU

When details have been completed and SIGNED, please return this form in the stamped addressed envelope or to school reception

Please DO NOT send this form direct to your Bank