



11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

## **St Edmund's Gift Aid Appeal**

At St Edmund's we run the St Edmund's Gift Aid Appeal which is designed to support and sustain your daughter's quality of education and facilities. As an Academy, we receive funding directly from the government for each student but the funding for students in Wiltshire is below the money received by schools in a majority of other educational authorities. Our expenses, however, are similar to those other schools. By way of example, our examination fees exceeded £80,000 last year. Our government funding does not cover all of our expenditure, for example minibus costs, refurbishment projects and improving technology projects whereby we aim to provide all our girls with access to up to date equipment and software.

Always at the top of our school improvement agenda is the quality of learning in the classroom and this is no different for 2015-16. The focus for 2014-15 has been on improving the learning environment at the school, including displays of student work around the school. In addition, the netball/tennis courts and the gymnasium floor have been resurfaced and remarked. This year's project will focus on increasing the breadth and depth of learning experiences particularly on flexible learning days, by contributing to the cost of visits and activities.

A number of Salisbury Schools run similar schemes to our Gift Aid Appeal; they have benefited greatly from the generosity of their parents and we hope that your generosity will allow us to improve educational provision at St Edmund's.

We would like to ask you to consider making a regular monthly, quarterly or annual gift to the school. If you gift aid your donation, St Edmund's will receive an additional 25p for every £1 you give.

If you would like to contribute to our Appeal and you are a taxpayer, please complete the attached Charitable Giving Gift Aid Declaration form. The Declaration needs to be completed by all taxpayers making a payment; if only one member of the household is a taxpayer then the payment needs to come from that person in order for us to be able to claim the tax refund.

Please also complete the attached Standing Order Mandate and return it to the School.

We cannot over emphasise the importance of the Gift Aid Appeal Scheme to St Edmund's in order to improve the quality of educational provision for your daughter; we thank you in advance for considering contributing to the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Busby  
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