

Welcome to our July 2021 newsletter.

We at the Founder's Trust have been continuing to work hard in the background, regularly meeting online, and we are very pleased to report that you, as families, have also been continuing in the background to support us. It has been a tough time for everybody; and I think we are all weary of the uncertainty, and continually having to adapt to whatever the latest situation is. We really appreciate your ongoing support, and if nothing else, this time has taught us how much we value our school, it's staff and the extended St George's community. Thank you very much for sticking with us - the school would not be the same without you!

The Founder's Trust was established in 1946, so this year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary! The Trust was set up in memory of the first headmaster of the school, Cecil Grant, when a sum of money was left in his Will to be put in trust for the benefit of the school's pupils. We are hoping to mark this milestone in some small way in the Autumn term.



Founder's Trust July 2021 meeting

The Trust is a charity run for the benefit of all St George's pupils. All families are asked to make a monthly donation per pupil by Direct Debit. The Trust also accepts one off payments. The money raised is spent annually so that our pupils feel the immediate benefit, and pays for items such as computers, text books, transport, prep books and other equipment. The Trust works hard to maintain a steady income stream to the school upon which it can depend, and plan it's spending accordingly. The Founder's Trust was originally set up as a result of the will of our Founder, Rev Cecil Grant. The Trust is still going strong today as a charity and, thanks to the generosity of St George's families, collects and donates to the school approximately £135-140,000 every single year. The Trustees include "old Georgians", current parents, governors and the Headmistress.

As per last year, along with the senior leadership team, the Trustees decided that there was no single person that could be singled out to receive our annual staff awards for going 'above and beyond'; so instead, as a way of thanking everyone, we contributed money towards staff wellbeing packs which will be distributed to all staff.

One event that went ahead recently albeit in a much altered form, was the New Parents Evening. We welcome all those new families joining St George's.

With reduced sign ups to our Direct Debit scheme, and increased cancellations, it is projected that our income will fall over the next year. If you are in a position to increase your donation, or sign up as a new supporter, we'd love to hear from you. Even a small increase can make a big difference. £3.50 per month for example, over the course of a year, would pay for an A-level Geography textbook or 2 copies of the Maths GCSE textbook. Every penny matters. Every penny makes a difference.

Thank you

Jane Hyman, Chair of CGFT, July 2021

If you would like to support the Founder's Trust you can download the Direct Debit form from our page on the school website, and hand the completed form into the school office. <https://www.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/cecil-grant-founders-trust> - If you would like to increase an existing donation, it's even easier – just email our treasurer on cgft@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk