

THE WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

November 2020

Dear Parents

Whitley Bay High School Trust Appeal

At the start of the academic year the trustees of the Whitley Bay High School Trust write to all parents of Year 9 students.

As many Year 9 parents before you, it is hoped that you will wish to support the school while your child attends and the best and easiest way to do this is via the Whitley Bay High School Trust. Its work is outlined in a report to all parents once a year. It relies on you, the parents of new student, becoming donors to replace those of children who have now left the school.

The Trust is totally independent from the school in order to have Charitable status and the tax benefits that affords. However its sole beneficiary is the school and it exists to support all aspects of school life, both curriculum and non-curriculum, to the benefit of all students. In many ways your child will enjoy experiences facilitated by the work of the Trust through funding in this and previous years. As a registered charity donations received have to be voluntarily.

National funding for schools covers the bare essentials of a good education. However schools with good parental support for additional curricular and non-curricular activities tend to excel. Whitley Bay High School is no different. The enthusiasm and dedication of staff to curricular and non-curricular activities is amazing. Staff will tell you of the value of Trust to support ideas and initiatives that help and stimulate the students at all levels.

This appeal is to Year 9 parents only, not repeated in future years, asks you to be a donor while your child attends the school. So please become a regular donor and Gift Aid your voluntary donations if you can so tax paid on them can be reclaimed. A modest £5 or perhaps more, per month, or quarterly equivalent, will enable the Trust to continue supporting the school in a huge way. Please act now whilst the form is in your hand; complete and return it as soon as possible.

'Gift Aid' is easy. A simple Gift Aid declaration (at the top of the form) enables tax paid on donations to be reclaimed by the Trust. Donations are best made by Bank Standing Order; you can cancel it at any time just by notifying your bank. Your donation, for an amount of your choosing, can be made monthly or quarterly. All Information is held in strict confidence complying with the General Data Protection Regs 2018. The form is simple to complete. Enter your name, address and, as a taxpayer, sign and date the Gift Aid Declaration. If you are a non-taxpayer, complete the declaration but just put 'No Tax' on the signature line. Complete the Banker's Order. **Do not send it to your bank**; return it to the school in an envelope marked 'Trust Fund'.

In anticipation, thank you for your response and generosity. If you already contribute to the Trust in respect of an older child, your continued support is greatly appreciated by the trustees and thus the school.

Yours faithfully,

Derek M Saunders (Treasurer Trustee)