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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST



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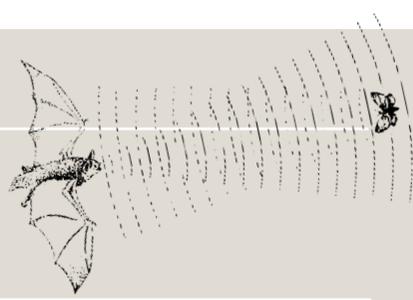
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OUTDOOR LEARNING



As the leaves fall, Putney's commitment to environmental learning is as vigorous as ever.

The findings from our award-winning Biophilic Classroom study have been shared with other schools both at home and internationally, and the project continues to inform the sustainable development of both the Senior and Junior schools.

Thanks to your generosity, in the last year our Ecologist in Residence has worked with students to broaden their knowledge of diverse habitats and protected species, while embedding a greater understanding of ecology within the curriculum.

This autumn, we are studying bats roosting on the school's site and look forward to the installation of Putney's own weather station to support our meteorological data collection. Our Gardening Club and Eco-Committee have seen the fruits of their labours, as spectacular wildflower strips, herb and bog gardens around the grounds have matured and flourished. We now have four House gardens and QR codes are being installed on our trees, so we can learn more about the 'nature under our noses'.

THROUGH THE CURRICULUM, OUR BREATHE PROGRAMME, AND THE MANY ACTIVITIES BEYOND, PUTNEY'S HOLISTIC APPROACH TO THE ENVIRONMENT ENRICHES EVERYDAY LIFE FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



Our Biophilic Classroom research has shown us the benefits of spending time 'in nature' and with these lessons in mind, this year's Putney Fund will be raising money to provide further opportunities for outdoor learning.

Putney High School is extremely lucky to have some wonderful outdoor spaces. We would like to fully utilise these parts of our Junior and Senior schools to show the beauty of nature and to cultivate students' growing interest. Already we are planning an outdoor classroom, a space for younger pupils to interact with the natural world through play-based and multi-sensory activities. We would also like to build a glass house and raised beds to grow vegetables, fruit and herbs; to extend our solar powered watering system, and to install 'swift boxes' to encourage nesting on our site.

THE JULIE SHARP BURSARY



It was with enormous sadness that we heard in March of the death of much-loved former Head of English and pillar of the Putney community, Miss Julie Sharp. Since that day, a sea of tributes has poured in, from alumnae, teachers and former staff whose life she marked in so many ways. As one former teacher put it, Miss Sharp was "literally a legend and one of the most popular, involved, creative, selfless, conscientious, kind people ever to grace Putney High School."

JULIE SHARP'S MEMORY IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED WITH PUTNEY FOR SO MANY PEOPLE...



...and we can think of no more fitting tribute than to honour her memory with a permanent bursary in her name.

We hope that with the generosity of the Putney community, and with thanks to Miss Sharp's own family, the Julie Sharp Bursary will become an established part of the Putney Fund, allowing us to offer more students the Putney education she so championed.

If we can raise £46,000, we will be able to fund one Sixth Form bursary in Julie Sharp's name.

HOW TO GIVE

We welcome all donations to the Putney Fund, whether large or small, as all gifts will make a difference. You can choose to donate to 'The Julie Sharp Bursary,' 'Outdoor Learning' or 'Where the school needs it most'.

To make a single gift or to set up a regular donation, please go to www.gdst.net/donate/Putney or use this QR code:



To allow us to maximise the value of your donation, please fill out the Gift Aid declaration form during the giving process.

We are always extremely grateful for your support and our Development Department team are available to discuss donations or to answer any questions. Email: development@put.gdst.net





THANK YOU!

I am delighted to have joined a community which is so clearly collaborative and supportive of all that Putney does. I know that your donations have already had an enormous impact on the school and its students and I look forward to meeting many of you as, with your help, we continue that good work.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Putney High School, and for all that you do to enable, equip and inspire this impressive group of young women and all those that follow them.

Ms Jo Sharrock
Head

