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'Don't wait for permission.
Start something small.'

Calypso Rose, Class of 1999
Serial entrepreneur and Co-Founder of OffScript Gen

With the lift-off of our Artemis project, Putney is alive with the buzz of new ventures, exploration and experimentation.

The spirit of entrepreneurship has long been at the heart of our Putney DNA, not least through the fearlessly intrepid, optimistic and bold spirit that we aim to instil in our students.

An entrepreneurial mindset is crucial for today's young people, irrespective of the career path they choose to follow. People who are confident, curious, courageous, open minded and resilient are those who thrive in a rapidly changing world. These qualities are every bit as important as the qualifications they will achieve.

To that end, this year's Putney Fund will support this key area of entrepreneurship. We want to give pupils more opportunities to innovate, experiment, think differently and bring their ideas to life.

We want them to gain real world experience and skills as well as to have exposure to entrepreneurs and experts in their fields.

Whatever path pupils choose to pursue beyond school, we know that the entrepreneurial mindset built by these opportunities will equip them for their future.

We would like to invite our wider community to support our efforts to introduce new opportunities and promote entrepreneurship from Reception all the way through to Year 13.

BURSARIES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is important to us that no one is excluded from a Putney education. Ensuring that the extraordinary education available at Putney is open to all remains a key priority for us. This year marks 50 years since the end of the Direct Grant Scheme, which enabled many students to attend Putney without paying fees. One beneficiary shared with us that she...

'...was quite sure that Putney was right for [her] but without the direct grant system, it would not have been accessible'

Madeleine Vaughan, Class of 1977

She 'never witnessed a divide between the fee paying and direct grant pupils... We mixed, we developed long lasting friendships, and we supported each other throughout our school years.'

Whilst much has changed in the last five decades, that spirit lives on through our Bursaries and Financial Assistance Fund, providing fully and part funded places to many girls, empowering them to enjoy a Putney education and enabling them to contribute a huge amount to our community.

With increasing financial pressures, we are seeing more need than ever from Putney families experiencing short term financial crises. Support provides them with much needed stability at a difficult time to keep their daughters in school.

A particularly impactful way of supporting this fund is regular giving, allowing us to plan effectively and provide ongoing support to the families who need it most.

We invite you to consider making a one off or regular donation to our Bursaries and Financial Assistance Fund to help support the next generation of Putney pupils to thrive.

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 Entrepreneurship, Bursaries and Financial Assistance 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 we are available to discuss donations or to answer any questions **development@put.gdst.net**

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THANK YOU!

I am delighted to bring you news of the Putney Fund, and hope that you will consider supporting this year's appeal to develop entrepreneurship.

Your generosity makes a tremendous difference to each and every one of our pupils, as well as to those who will follow in their footsteps.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Putney High School.

Ms Jo Sharrock
Head