

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I have previously shared with you the challenging funding situation facing our school. The reality is that per-pupil funding the school receives from the government is now **20% lower** than it was in 2014, and our reserves have been depleted. Next year, while our income from the government is expected to rise by only **0.5%**, our costs have increased at approximately **7%**, despite delivering numerous cost saving initiatives. This is unsustainable.

We are incredibly grateful for the support you have already given in helping to raise much-needed funds. However, it is clear we need to do more.

To that end, I am pleased to announce the launch of the **Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust** — a registered charity established to secure the future of the school through fundraising efforts. You may have seen the introduction from Ms Weller, our Development Director for the Charitable Trust, in our latest newsletter.

### **Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust**

The Trust's website, which provides full information and ways to get involved, can be accessed here:  
<https://www.shsbcharitabletrust.org/>

We fully recognise that not every family may be in a position to contribute financially. However, for those who are able, we are asking you to consider supporting the school through **regular donations** via the Charitable Trust. There are several ways you can help:

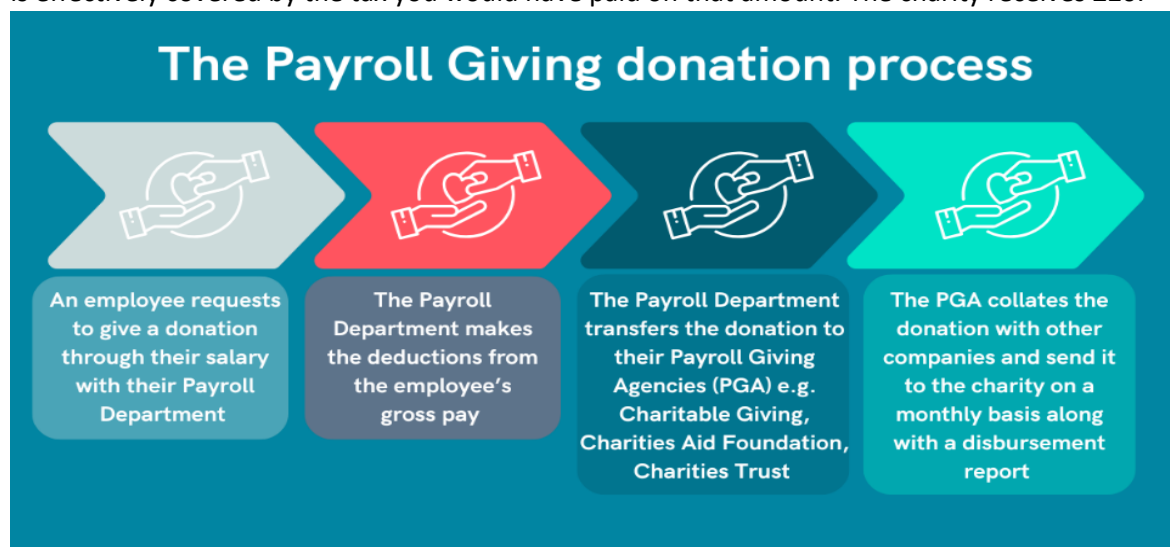
1. The Charitable Trust has set up the **2025 Society**. To join, you are invited to donate at least £20.25 per month (or £243 for the year). Those who subscribe to regular monthly or annual donations will be named on the list of society members (unless you prefer to remain anonymous); will receive a pin badge to recognise the commitment; and will be invited to exclusive events at the school. You can read more about that here: <https://www.shsbcharitabletrust.org/2025-society>
2. You may also wish to make one-off payments and/or make a higher monthly contribution. Full details can be found on the Charitable Trust Website.
3. You can also support the school through **Payroll Giving**. This is a way of giving money to our charity direct from your gross pay before income tax is applied, effectively reducing your taxable income.

Please see an example below relating to a donation of £20.



**20% Taxpayers:** A £20 donation will cost you £16 (80% of the donation) because the tax relief of 20% (or £4) is effectively covered by the tax you would have paid on that amount. The charity receives £20.

**40% Taxpayers:** A £20 donation will cost you £12 (60% of the donation) as the tax relief of 40% (or £8) is effectively covered by the tax you would have paid on that amount. The charity receives £20.



Please speak with your employer if you want to support our charity in this way to see if they have a payroll giving scheme in place - some even match your donation! You will need to share the name of the charity (**Southend High School for Boys Charitable Trust**) and the registered charity number (**1211479**).

We are deeply grateful to the parents and supporters who already contribute to our work. However, a significant funding gap remains. To ensure long-term financial stability, we urgently need to secure regular monthly and annual donations. This reliable income stream is essential to place us on firm financial footing and help us plan for the future with confidence. Our goal is to raise £150,000 by September — an ambitious target, and one we cannot reach without your support. Please visit the Charitable Trust website to learn more about how you can help. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a real difference. We are truly thankful for anything you can do.

### **GoodHub**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school via **GoodHub**. Moving forward, the Charitable Trust will replace GoodHub as our primary fundraising platform. We will be contacting regular GoodHub donors shortly to explain the transition. We apologise for any inconvenience, but consolidating donations will allow us to manage funds more efficiently.

### **Parents' Association**

We remain deeply grateful to the **Parents' Association** for their ongoing efforts. The events and collections they organise provide crucial support for the school, and we continue to work closely with them. If you would like to get involved, they are always looking for new volunteers — it's a wonderful way to contribute to school life.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. It is truly appreciated and makes a real difference to our community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R V Worth  
Headteacher