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Mr Moreton - Head of School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Fundraising Appeal - March 2020

I am inspired every day by seeing what our school community achieves - we are in the top 500 schools in the whole country for our results, have national champion sports teams/people and are the only school in the country to also house a Museum. We live in a vibrant city where we are fortunate to be able to recruit the best staff and build strong relationships with world renowned establishments like Oxford University, Oxford Brookes University, BMW and Nielson to name a few. We are also incredibly lucky that our students and staff are supported by an enthusiastic and committed parent and local community. We have one main ambition, *'to improve every learner's life chances'*, and I genuinely believe that we do that for every single one of our students - whatever that means for them.

I don't think it's any secret that, despite the incredible community in which we thrive, we are facing significant funding cuts and increased overheads. This year alone, we have had to absorb, with no additional government funding:

- An increase from **16.48% to 23.68%** contribution to the teachers' pension scheme for every member of teaching staff in September 2019.
- A 2.75% pay rise for all teaching staff.
- Support staff pay rise of 2%-9%.
- Ageing buildings creating ever increasing and significant maintenance costs.
- A cut to the way in which schools can apply for grants for maintenance from the government - any monies now have to be paid back by the school (with interest) rather than being given as grants.
- The Government announced in August to increase the minimum funding per student from September 2020, this still represents a 7% cut in real terms, compared to 2015.

We are doing lots within school to save money and cut costs to ensure the money we have is being put back into our young people's education - to improve their life chances. However, it's just not enough.

This year, for the first time ever, we will be launching an **annual fundraising appeal** to reach out to our local and parent community and businesses/organisations to ask for their help to 'plug the gap' and invest in the future of our school.

We want to make giving as simple and easy as possible for those choosing to donate. Please see full details on our [support us](#) page of our website.

Our Chosen Projects:

Contribute towards one of our 2 projects for the year with a bank transfer, or cheque made payable to Cheney School:

- **New projectors for Chadwick building - £5,000** - our English department gets some of the highest results in the school year on year - but the equipment is breaking and we simply don't have the funds to replace it. Give towards replacing all projectors in Chadwick (our English Block).

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- **Sixth Form Facelift - £16,000** - contribute towards new furniture, upgraded computers, refreshment facilities, decor and equipment for our Sixth Form students, or towards fixing the roof in one of their dedicated rooms.

See full details about how to contribute towards these projects [here](#).

The General Pot:

- Set up a [monthly direct debit](#) into our central pot to put towards things the school needs most to improve student experience - this can be for as much or as little as you would like - every single penny makes a difference. Your donation might be used towards:
 - Additional IT equipment such as iPads
 - Support for our vulnerable students with trips payments
 - New furnishings for classrooms and communal spaces
 - Extra books in our library
- Make a [one off payment](#) into our central pot via bank transfer or through Parent Pay.

Bank Transfer details:

Account Number: 33978360

Sort Code: 30-80-45

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who makes a donation. Every penny makes a huge difference to our student's school life, experience, education, outcomes and life chances and we commit to reporting back regularly on progress through our weekly newsletter.

Thank you once again for your continued support as we endeavour to make the school even better for our young people.

Kind Regards

Mr Rupert Moreton
Head of School