

Small sums fund applications 2021

1. Support for Learning: day trips round Edinburgh

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

To fund day trips around Edinburgh for a targeted group of pupils. The plan would be to organise a trip just before each school holiday, therefore a trip in October, December, February, April and June.

Cost: £400

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

I have applied as I would like to organise day trips for some targeted pupils who attend the support for learning department. These day trips would help to expand the pupils range of interests, activities, and knowledge as well as generally broaden their horizons. For various reasons many of these pupils have quite sheltered lives and therefore can too often just move between home and school. The pupils would also benefit socially as they will be part of a small group and many of them do not socialise out of school. Some of the pupils can find school challenging therefore the trip will also be something special for them to look forward to. The funding will be used to pay for transport and to cover the costs of the trip. Suggested trips might be dynamic earth, bowling, cat café, doodles.

DECISION: Fully funded by JGHS Trust

2. Library: Carnegie shortlist shadowing scheme

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

5 packs of Carnegie shortlisted books at £44 per pack

1 pack of Kate Greenaway shortlisted books at £60 per pack

Total = £280

Costs are based on last year's prices and include a 35% discount. Each pack contains 1 complete set of 8 shortlisted titles.

This would enable up to 35 pupils and staff to take part.

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

The Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards take place annually and celebrate outstanding writing and illustration in books for children and young people. Each year, thousands of young people from across the UK take part in Carnegie Shadowing, during which they read the shortlisted books, enjoy related activities and vote for the Shadowers' Choice Award.

For the past 6 years, with the kind support of the Parent Council, pupils have read a wide range of new books, developed their critical thinking skills and worked together in a fun and supportive way. They have also enjoyed collaborating with our partner reading group at Tynecastle High School.

The library is keen to provide this opportunity once again in 2022. The project would run from March to June and involve weekly meetings and fun activities for the group to enjoy (such as quizzes, crafts, competitions and author/illustrator interviews). These would be facilitated by Sara Brown, School Librarian and Marcus Roskilly, English teacher. Whilst we are planning face-to-face meetings, the group could also be supported via other mechanisms (for example, school online communication tools), should there still be restrictions in place. Additionally, the project would result in the addition of 48 newly published, high-quality fiction books to library stock, thus benefitting the whole school population.

For further information about Carnegie Shadowing, please visit: <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/>

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

3. History: Advanced Higher textbooks

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

20 copies of “A Short history of South Africa” by Gail Natrass (various copies available second hand at a variety of costs as now out of print – average £20 per copy), so £400 in total

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

We had a full class set of these books for AH History, but over the course of the pandemic, 20 of these have gone missing, presumably borrowed by S6 students and not returned. We’ve tried to contact the last two years of S6 leavers through Mr Porter and email, but we haven’t had any returned.

Our AH numbers are always very good. Last year, we had two classes, with 32 pupils in total. This year we have a class of 24 S6s sharing 5 of these books. Some pupils have sourced their own copies, but it’s a concern that with only 5 school books there’s an issue of equity. As budgets are so tight this year, we can’t fund more copies for AH, so any assistance to build up the numbers of these books for our AH students would be fantastic.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

4. Support for Learning: DofE costs

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

Expedition costs for our curricular DofE group.

- Rental of equipment from Friends of the Award - £10 per head for 6 students for 2 expeditions = £120
- Cost of hiring a minibus and fuel = £50 hire through City of Edinburgh per day for 2 x 3 day expeditions =£300
- Fuel for the minibus for 2 expeditions = £150

Total £570.00

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

This is the first year that I am running small curricular DofE group for some of our senior students with additional needs. I am trying to nurture and encourage this vulnerable group to achieve a Silver DofE Award. The needs are varied, including young people with ASD, physical difficulties, looked after and accommodated, learning difficulties and mental health issues. In order to achieve the award these young people need to go on two expeditions. I am discussing with the authority the adaptations necessary for us to achieve this but at the moment I am asking yourselves to support us financially with the basic costs hiring some of the equipment and transport to allow the expedition to go ahead.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

5. Embroidery Club

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

- £50 for linen for 20 projects
- £130 will buy a variety of thread in different colours
- £20 hoops

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

The uncertainties of the lockdowns brought on a lot of anxiety for our pupils, but also for us as parents and teachers as well. I found one way of helping manage that was to get into embroidery. It requires focused attention and creativity and allows you to channel your attention away from things that stress you out.

I thought it would be nice to teach some of our pupils how to do this as a way of developing their creativity, but also to help them find a quiet place where they could escape thoughts that might be

overwhelming. Over the last few years the numbers of pupils we an increasing number of pupils presenting with anxiety—so hopefully this group can help teach coping strategies as well.

The Thursday lunch 'Loose Threads' club was launched, and I was pleasantly surprised at how many pupils were interested—20! I had really underestimated how many people would want to come. Most of the cost for this year will have to be covered by pupils/parents, but I would like to be able to give them some more materials for free, especially when we move away from the basics into more complicated designs. Looking ahead, I'd like to expand the club next year.

DECISION: Fully funded by JGHS Trust

6. Support for Learning: soft furnishings for room in Bruntsfield House

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

3 Adept Office Screens 150cm x 150cms, free-standing, pinnable surface, woolmix surface £170.40 each including VAT

£511.20 total (www.display.wizard.co.uk)

Assorted soft furnishings from Ikea - washable cushion covers and throws £80

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

In June of this year the Support for Learning Department moved from the top floor of Bruntsfield House into B6 on the first floor. Support for Learning supports a range of students with additional support needs and as required pupils affected by illness or family trauma. B6 is in use throughout the day by individual students, catch-up literacy groups, tutorial groups and break and lunch-time clubs for pupils vulnerable at these times.

Whilst the move to B6 is great in so far that we now occupy the entire first floor of BH, it brings challenges in terms of noise levels due to the very high ceilings and the increasing number of pupils who come to Support for Learning throughout the day. Noise seems to bounce around the room which means everyone has to raise their voices to be heard which in turn makes it hard to concentrate. Given that B6 provides a break from a busy and sometimes challenging main-stream school environment, it is important that it offers a calm and relaxed atmosphere.

Funding will be used to purchase soft furnishings and room dividers to reduce noise levels and create smaller work spaces within B6. We have a range of craft supplies, books and games, and it would be great to be able to create specific areas within the room for these activities as well as several study areas.

Improvements to B6 would benefit the most vulnerable pupils in our school community and help them develop to their fullest potential.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

7. Nurture Group (Support for Learning dept): snacks

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

£200 to provide healthy snacks for pupils coming to the Nurture Group in the SfL department.

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

The SfL department run two Nurture Group for 2 periods a week with the aim of supporting the most vulnerable pupils in the school – both those that find social interaction difficult and those with social, emotional and behaviour problems. Each session includes a snack time. Pupils have to prepare this and set the table – table cloth, placemats etc. For some pupils this is their only experience of eating in a social way. We use the time to improve pupils' talking and listening skills. We have benefited from funds from the Parent Council over the last few years and the pupils hugely appreciate the snack time

DECISION: Fully funded by JGHS Trust

8. Design & Technology: textbooks

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

20 of Collins Leckie Course Notes - NEW Higher Design and Manufacture (second edition)

Publication Date 01-07-2020

ISBN 978-0-00-844152-4

Cost £13.99 each

Total cost: 20 x £13.99 = **£279.80**

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

With the re-introduction and popularity of Design & Manufacture at Higher level we require textbooks to support student's learning. A class would have a maximum of 20 students in any one year.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

9. Pupil Support : Rights Respecting Schools banners

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

We are asking for £100 to fund 5 PVC banners and other professionally printed promotional material which will display 10 different Articles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These will be put up at different parts of the school relating to these articles. E.G *Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities* will be put up by the Spark building (in agreement with staff).

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

The Rights Respecting Schools group is made up of S2-S6 pupils who work together to promote the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). James Gillespie's High School is working through the journey of achieving the UNCRC Rights Respecting School Silver and Gold Award. A stipulation of the award is to raise awareness and knowledge of the articles of the UNCRC throughout the school community. All pupils and staff will see smart and well produced images and knowledge of the relevant articles and how they connect to the different parts of the school.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

10. Support for Learning: Guitar lessons for one pupil and play therapy materials

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

- Funding for guitar lessons £380
- Play therapy materials £50

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

- Guitar lessons for a young carer at JGHS who is so keen to learn but can't afford the payments. This student is struggling and has a diagnosis of autism. I heard her play the guitar in the department and she has a talent and I would love to see this nurtured. The teacher will accept a reduced rate of £10 per hour which would amount to £380 to allow for a weekly lesson.

DECISION: Please apply for Small Grant of £300 from JGHS Trust, plus £80 grant from Parent Council

- I am continuing with play therapy and would like to add to my resources. This includes materials such as items to play with in water and sand, and also fabrics, glue, and other craft and baking materials.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

11. Pupil Support: kickboxing equipment

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

I'm looking for your support in securing:

3 x RDX Kick Shield – Currently £30.99 each https://www.amazon.co.uk/RDX-Strike-Shield-Training-Punching/dp/B004XMO00M/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=kick+shield&qid=1631274445&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUE1RVIEUkk5QVpKVTEmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTAyNzUzMDFEOVo1V1RJTVk3VkQmZW5jcnlwdGVkQWRJZD1BMDQ1NjA4MDJJNVBSM1VOU0taTEkmd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNsaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGljaz10cnVl

10 x Starpro Punch Shield/Pad – Currently £13.99 each https://www.amazon.co.uk/Starpro-Round-Boxing-Pads-Foam/dp/B07X7MG2WJ/ref=sr_1_5?dchild=1&keywords=round%2Bpunch%2Bpad&qid=1631274785&sr=8-5&th=1&psc=1

Total Cost - £232.87

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

This funding will be used to directly benefit the physical fitness, mental health and wellbeing of our S4-S6 pupils.

Following lockdown closure we are rebuilding our access to sports clubs and societies. As a pupil support leader (guidance teacher in old money) I've seen the impact that a lack of physical outlets has had on a considerable number of our pupils. Pent up aggression being bottled up has led to an increase in our pupils struggling to manage their emotional responses, both within school and at home. I have also observed increased low mood and depression in our pupils, particularly amongst our pupils working in S4,5 and 6 towards exams. From my colleagues in other schools I can report, anecdotally at least, this appears to be a national problem.

To try and help tackle this I am offering a new club to the seniors (S4-6) in Fitness Korean Kickboxing. The club will be non-contact by way of sparring but will require the class to use pads in order to engage in a broad range of striking techniques and cardio exercises.

At present, I will be using my own personal equipment and borrowing what I can from my own instructor but this will obviously not be tenable in the longer term.

Any support you can offer – even if not for the full amount requested – would be genuinely appreciated.

DECISION: Fully funded by JGHS Trust

12. Media dept: classroom equipment

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

- 1 x external Rode VideoMic-R Complete DSLR Microphone Pack - £188 each
- 3 x Extendable handheld gimbal stabiliser for smartphones - £65 each
- 4 x Synco SGM2 Lapel Microphone with 3.5mm audio monitoring - £24.99 each
- 4 x Photographic reflectore - £ 16.99 each
- 1 x Portable lighting kit - £45

The total cost of this bid comes to £595.92 and a full description of each item can be found on the attached sheet.

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

Our Media equipment is in urgent need of an upgrade to help facilitate high quality learning experiences for our young people. Over the past few years, classes of up to 20 students have had to manage by sharing only 3 – 4 school computers and limited recording equipment and accessories to produce their film portfolios at both N5 and Higher. This has been a source of frustration for both students and staff, who have worked creatively to come up with solutions.

The additional equipment that we have requested this year would allow greater accessibility to good quality equipment for all students and would be compatible with existing school and personal devices, enabling a great deal of flexibility. In addition, the equipment could be utilised by pupils who attend extra-curricular clubs such as Film G when they resume.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

13. Modern Languages: software

Peter O'Connor: peter.o'connor@jamesgillespies.edin.sch.uk

What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

- Conti – Sentence Builders (French, Spanish, German) £20 each
- EDEXCEL Online – German, French, Spanish £135 each
- Linguascope £365

Total = £520

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

- Support for in class teaching and online based learning for all languages and all levels

- Increase support for lowest 20% with sentence builders and linguascope to close the gap and increase uptake in senior phase.
- Provide a positive learning experience for all
- student and teacher access for school and home use
- Includes free apps for all students and teachers
- Includes free webinars and teacher training events
- Support curriculum development at a time when ML is looking to change course outlines for a more relevant curriculum with a focus on relevant issues.

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council

15. **Modern Studies/ Humanities: prizes for Great Black Britons competition**

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What would you like us to fund and how much does it cost? (Please provide a breakdown of costs if more than one item.):

As part of our 'Black History Month' celebrations we will be organising a famous Black Britons competition where students in S1-2 choose to create a creative presentation on the life of their chosen Black Briton. We would like to offer a book token for the winners. Perhaps a first prize of £25 and two runner up prizes of £10-£15 each.

They can choose one person or a group of great Black Britons. They can then create a unique and innovative project to celebrate their work and legacy. This could be:

- A short presentation (examples could include a slide presentation, a short film, a speech, poetry, a drama or dance performance)
- A display (such as artwork, photography, sculpture)
- A short project or campaign (such as recorded interviews, a magazine, a music project)
- Any other way of promoting the stories of Great Black Britons (perhaps a social media campaign, website design, posters)

The winning projects will be the ones that are the most innovative, that clearly show why the chosen great Black Britons were so important and that celebrate the contribution of the individual or group to our society

Rationale (please explain why you have applied, how the funding will be used and who will benefit):

Competition Objectives:

- Encourage young people to be innovative and creative and to learn independently.
- Promote and develop an awareness and appreciation of our diversity, citizenship, inclusion and respect for all
- Help children and young people learn more about Black British history
- Allow young people to take pride in their heritage and to learn about the contribution of our ancestors to the development of our society
- Encourage young people to read more widely

DECISION: Fully funded by Parent Council