



**CHURSTON FERRERS  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

# Churston Together

**Making more possible**

**Congratulations and welcome to Churston Ferrers Grammar School.**  
This is a proud and exciting moment - the beginning of a new chapter.

At Churston, students are encouraged to **aim high, explore widely** and **grow in confidence**.

**Churston Together** connects families, alumni and friends of the school to protect and enrich the wider opportunities that make our experience distinctive.

Families can take part in different ways: through volunteering, fundraising or simply staying involved.

When those who are able choose to contribute, even **small, regular support** to the **Churston Together Fund** helps sustain what makes Churston exceptional.

**You are now part of something special.**



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# Welcome to Churston!

A message from our Headteacher, James Simpson



We are proud of the education we provide - the high standards we uphold and the aspirations we nurture in every student.

Government funding enables us to deliver excellent core teaching. However, the wider experiences, enrichment and environment that define a Churston education increasingly rely on additional support.

**Churston Together helps protect and strengthen what makes our school distinctive** - ensuring we can continue to invest in learning, growth and excellence.

We are deeply grateful for the role families play in sustaining the opportunities and ambition that define Churston.



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# Why your support matters

School funding has not kept pace with rising costs. While public funding covers core teaching, investment in enrichment, facilities and long-term development depends on additional support.

The **Churston Together Fund** provides a **structured, sustainable way to meet this challenge**.

It enables us to:

- Maintain and enhance **learning resources and equipment**
- Support **enrichment experiences** like trips, clubs and workshops
- Fund **school improvements**, creating inspiring spaces for everyone

Many families choose to support the fund with a small regular contribution - often around the equivalent of **£1 per school day**.

By understanding the need, families can make informed choices about how to support the school, ensuring every student benefits from the breadth of opportunities that define the Churston education.

The funding landscape...

Schools like Churston are financially worse off than they were 15 years ago.

Government funding per pupil fell by 8.5% in real terms between 2009–10 and 2019–20



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# How your support helps

## Learning resources and equipment

Enhancing lessons & extra-curricular opportunities

## Enrichment experiences

Trips, clubs, workshops & special projects that inspire students

## School improvements

Upgrades & projects that improve the environment for everyone

## Collective impact

Small, regular gifts combine to create meaningful change

As well as benefitting from financial contributions, **Churston Together** also strengthens school life through:

- **Churston Together Circle** - careers advice, mentoring & work experience
- **Churston Stories**
- **Events** - concerts, performances, workshops & other events
- **Old Churstonians** - Alumni
- **Friends of Churston** - fundraising

Each form of participation helps create richer experiences for all students and ensures Churston continues to flourish.

### Case Study Project: Library (Cube) renovation achieved with donations

New shelving and comfy seating have transformed the space and the generous book donations have filled it with even more choice. It's a calm, inspiring environment that encourages reading and nurtures a love of books.

*"The Cube has come alive. It's now such a welcoming safe space: a place where students want to spend time, whether reading, sharing ideas, or simply pausing in the middle of a busy day. It's wonderful to see!" Lucas, Student President*



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# Your Support, Your Choice

**Participation counts just as much as the amount.**

Every family's circumstances are different and participation is entirely optional. However, when families are able to give, even small, regular contributions make a meaningful difference.

**However you choose to be involved, you are part of the Churston Together community.**

## Churston Together Fund

*Suggested monthly contribution*

**£16.25 per month  
(£1 per school day)** -  
an easy, meaningful  
way to give regularly  
supporting enrichment  
and projects for all  
students.

**£32.50 per month** -  
a quiet "pay-it-forward"  
option for families who can  
give a little more, helping  
to enhance opportunities  
for all students -  
anonymously and without  
expectation.

**Or**  
**choose your own  
monthly amount** -  
contribute what  
feels right for your  
family.

**Set up monthly support**





# Make more possible

Supporting the **Churston Together Fund** is simple and secure. Your gift helps the school invest in both long-term improvements and enrichment opportunities for all students. Even a small regular contribution makes a meaningful difference.

If you are a UK taxpayer, ticking Gift Aid allows Churston to receive an extra 25% on your donation - at no extra cost to you.

Uptake of families (£16.25/m)	30%	40%	50%	60%
With Gift Aid	£73K	£97K	£122K	£146K

Every gift - large or small - helps make more possible for our students.

Every family contributes differently. Whether through monthly giving, practical support or participation in school life, your engagement strengthens what Churston can provide.

**Thank you for being part of Churston Together and helping make more possible.**

**Churston Together** celebrates the **ambition, generosity and strong sense of community** that makes **Churston exceptional.**



**Support the Churston Together Fund**