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We are appealing for donations, sponsorship and support from any parents, family members, local businesses or community members that are willing to **Support Our School!**

The way that schools are funded means that we get money based on the number of students we had in the previous year. As we are an expanding school, this means that each year we have at least 50 students that are not accounted for, meaning that these students receive no funding at all. This equates to over £100,000 shortfall each year. Our departments budgets therefore don't stretch as far as is ideally needed. We are in desperate need of equipment for all our subject departments but curriculum text books are a priority. Ideally each student in the class would have a text book to work from, unfortunately we are in a situation at the moments where most students are having to share, this can distract students, impede learning and put a strain on teachers.

We are proud to say that most of our classrooms now have visualisers, this is a device that connects to the projector and/or computer. It allows a teacher to display objects, documents or pictures on the connected screen, these have so far been supplied through school fundraising projects. We are still in need of a few more as these pieces of equipment have proved to be invaluable in all subjects.

Our Physical Education department is severely lacking in athletic equipment and uniforms. You will read on page 4 of this newsletter of the fantastic accomplishments of our year 7 girls basketball team, I'm sure you will be sad to read, however, that the girls had to play in the final of the Hinckley & Bosworth Tournament in a kit borrowed from another local school, not in our school colours and without the school logo on their vests.

As I'm sure you are aware we are still applying for funding for a sports hall to be built on the school grounds, with the Main Hall being used for exams, all PE lessons must currently take place outside, rain or

shine, so a team set of waterproof jackets would come in handy, these could also keep reserve team members warm and dry waiting for their turn on the pitch during our many competitions and tournaments that our school teams take part in.

Our Science department are also currently struggling to provide enough equipment for practical experiments, often the equipment needed is delicate and can easily be broken, so needs to be replaced often.

Despite all of these setbacks, in the past two years we have achieved some of the highest GCSE results in the county, being placed second in Leicestershire for Progress 8 results and being ranked top in the Nottingham Diocese. These results are due to the hard work of our students and dedication of our staff. Can you imagine what our school could achieve with your support?

If your business is interested in sponsoring us, or supporting the school in any way, please get in touch. In return, you will receive free advertising on our website and our facebook page as well as an article in our termly newsletter. We have a drop box in our foyer where you can leave your business card with your contact details so that one of our office staff can get in touch.

If you have any questions about Supporting Our School or you have any suggestions how you could help in other ways please get in touch, we would really like to hear from you.

You can also find details of our Planned Giving Initiative on page 9 of this newsletter.

Contact us!

Visit our school website

www.saint-martins.net

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If you would like to make a donation to fund part or a whole item on the list below to **Support Our School** please contact the school office.

Any donation, no matter how big or small would be gratefully received. **Thank you.**

ITEMS	Approximate COST
Visualisers	£615.00 each
Class set of 30 text books (various subjects)	£600.00
Pack of 50 exercise books	£22.50
Athletic Equipment—Hurdles	£38.50 each
High Jump Crash Mat	£793.00
Unisex Basketball Vests (set of 24)	£413.00
Unisex Basketball Shorts (set of 24)	£183.00
Class set of Published Plays for Drama	£260.00
Anatomical Skeleton	£180.00

Planned Giving Initiative

To continue our high level of education here at Saint Martin’s we have set up a voluntary school fund to help subject departments buy essential resources, which are vital in supporting your child's to learning.

Any contribution is entirely voluntary and anything from £1 a month upwards would be gratefully received. We realise that lots of families are also under financial pressures so any contribution, however small, is appreciated and will be used to enhance our curriculum

If you would like to contribute to Saint Martin’s on a monthly basis, then please arrange a standing order with your bank using the details below:

- Name of Account:** Planned Giving, St Martin’s Catholic Academy
- Name of Bank:** National Westminster Bank, 1 Market Place, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, CV11 4YY
- Account Number:** 27787575
- Sort Code:** 54-21-13
- Ref:** Childs Name and Year of birth (eg. Fred Smith 03)
- Amount:** What ever you wish to donate per month.



Do you have any spare time to join our school as a volunteer?

We are looking for someone to come in a couple of hours a week to organise and maintain our currently overgrown garden. There is also the potential to have some student helpers join you or even set up a gardening club if you wish to do so.

If you are interested in helping out or know someone that could be, please contact the school office—01455 212386.

