



The Guild
The Grey Coat Hospital
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Autumn 2020 Newsletter

A warm welcome to the new school year to all from the Guild!

We are the body of parents and carers of all students of Grey Coat Hospital coming together to support the school through fundraising initiatives and taking an active part in the wider school community.

It is with great regret that we announce that this year's Guild Autumn Dinner and Dance and the Christmas Fair will not be going ahead. This year we will be replacing these events with an exciting sponsorship challenge, which will take place over the half term break, reflecting the theme of "Growth" and a Grand Christmas Raffle.

Please look out for further information about these two exciting new events which come with the opportunity of winning some amazing prizes. Going forward Guild events will be kept under review on a termly basis.

As part of the IT development strategy the school needs to refresh the network server infrastructure at the St Andrew's building. This initiative will result in increased speed, greater efficiency and a seamless user experience for students and staff both in school and at home; all major priorities in the present climate when access to remote learning becomes the increasing priority.

This upgrade will cost around £35,000, towards which the Guild has pledged a contribution of £25,000. This would not have been possible without your generosity, in terms of both your financial support of our fundraising initiatives and your time. This clearly demonstrates the Guild's commitment to the school, and we thank you all for being a part of the increased parents'/carers' participation in the Guild which you are all automatically members of.

The Grey Coat Gift

Throughout this difficult time – and beyond - we intend to keep on doing all we can to make a Grey Coat education full of opportunity and inspiration. But, as ever, funding is key. We simply need more money than our basic grant provides.

So, we are very pleased to announce a new initiative which makes supporting Grey Coat Hospital easier and more rewarding than ever. The

Grey Coat Gift is a new way of giving to the school. Of course, the valued work of the Guild continues, but for making an annual, monthly or one-off donation, the Grey Coat Gift is now the simple way.

On the Grey Coat Gift website, you will find information about how why we need donations and how we use them, as well as a pledge calculator so you can see how tax and time can magnify your contribution. The website is linked below, or available via the 'Support Us' tab on our main website: <https://itsworthdoingwell.co.uk/GCH/home>

Thank you for your generous support. Should you want to know more about the Guild, or would like to help deliver our programme for this year please email: thegreycoatguild@gmail.com

Best wishes

Sandra Thomas

Chair
on behalf of **The Guild**
The Grey Coat Hospital

A further thank you to all who are accessing the [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-guild---the-grey-coat-hospital/) web link below, from which The Guild receives free funds.

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