



FRANCIS HOLLAND
SLOANE SQUARE

Public & Community Benefit Report

2023-24



VISIONS & AIMS





1. **Every** FHS student to be involved in Outreach in **every** year of their time at FHS.

2. FHS students to leave school with a **clear idea of the vital role charities and volunteer networks play in sustaining our society**, and their responsibility to play their part during their adult lives.

3. To engage all members of our community in a **culture of giving** by sharing their time, talent and treasure.

4. All partnerships with charitable organisations and state schools are focussed on **sustainable and impactful activities** that make use of the **expertise, experience, and capacity** of our school community.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, has worked with more than 55 charitable organisations and state schools over the past 10 years. FHS has long-term, sustainable, and impactful partnerships with seven charitable organisations and schools. We also respond to urgent needs and crises, identified by the student body, with one-off fundraising campaigns.



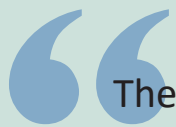
Katherine Low Settlement (KLS)

KLS Community Centre in Battersea works to provide social opportunities for local elders and vulnerable people (including newly arrived unaccompanied young people and refugees), as well as learning mentors. Francis Holland has partnered with KLS for 100 years.





A 100 Year Friendship...



The enduring nature of the relationship between Francis Holland School and the charity created by its former pupil, Katherine Low, must be unique, or at least very rare. We are so fortunate that our founder clearly had such a strong connection to her old school that the staff were involved with setting up a charity in her memory. The legacy has been felt by thousands of people in Battersea over the past century.

This year, we are particularly grateful to the Francis Holland community for their generosity at the Spring Fair. The funds raised will be used to provide our year-round academic support programme for 350+ children from refugee backgrounds. The programme includes individual mentoring, homework and activity clubs and casework to help them navigate and thrive in the UK education system, just as Francis Holland students do.

As always, we are delighted that our partnership goes beyond the financial. The elderly people we support are so pleased when Francis Holland students visit us to sing Carols, participate in intergenerational poetry classes, distribute gifts and support our lunch clubs. I hope that our friendship can continue for another century and beyond, and that Katherine Low's example inspires current Francis Holland students to think about the legacies they themselves would like to create.

Emily Standring - Head of Community Partnerships
& Fundraising, KLS

In-Deep Community Task Force

In-Deep started as a befriending charity, supporting the elderly in Westminster and Lambeth with lunch clubs and social activities. In recent years they have expanded to working with young people with profound learning needs and other disabilities.



The 23 year partnership we have had with Francis Holland School has been invaluable in enabling us to grow and to keep our activities going as we are mainly volunteer led. Both parents and students have been a light to older peoples' and children with disabilities' lives, particularly through the pandemic. The funds raised by the school have enabled dinners and other social activities to happen for older people, as well as arts based workshops and music therapy for children with special educational needs and disabilities. It has been a privilege seeing students volunteer with us and see their skills develop as they grow. FHS has helped us make a profound impact on the community.

Emma Chapman MBE -
Founder of In-Deep





Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank

The biggest Foodbank in London, and possibly Europe, which supports over 27,000 people with food parcels in the local area, 30% of which are children. FHS collects for the foodbank each month and has provided 4% of their total donations in 2023-24 – we are their biggest non-supermarket donator of food.



“The support that Francis Holland School have provided to Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank has been inspirational. They have taken this partnership to a new level, passing the passion for supporting foodbanks from one year group to the next to create a long term legacy. We are always delighted to host visits and help with collections because we can see how much the school genuinely cares about making a difference to those in need in the community.

Phil Storey - Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank CEO

OTHER KEY PARTNERSHIPS

St Barnabas C of E Primary School, Westminster

FHS funds the entire Trips and Visits programme at St Barnabas as well as providing volunteers for homework clubs and lunchtime activities, and over 30 years of World Book Week support with invitations to author talks and donated books.



St Matthews Primary School, Westminster & Eden Court Retirement Village, Battersea

LVI volunteers help with weekly homework clubs and intergenerational activities.



Paxton Primary School, Gypsy Hill

Library and curriculum support with literacy (See Case Study 01)



Mvumi School, Tanzania

A rural school in Dodoma District, Tanzania that we support via fundraising for sponsored students, visits, and special fundraising campaigns for new capital projects and facilities (including £40,000 raised to build an ablutions block in 2022).



SHARING EXPERTISE

Francis Holland Schools work with a range of state primary and secondary schools to improve pupil outcomes and share expertise.

**1000+
teaching and
staff hours
dedicated
to outreach**

equating to
£76,000+



Stewardship and Governance

- > FHS Head Alexandra Haydon acts as trustee for **Katherine Low Settlement**
- > A member of the FHS Senior Leadership Team sits on board of **Mvumi School Trust**
- > Four FHS teachers act as Governors for **State Primary and Secondary Schools**

Staff Development and CPD

- > Mutual lesson observations and sharing of assessment and reporting expertise with **Henrietta Barnett School, London**
- > **16 hours of Library and Literacy CPD provided** to Paxton Primary School and the Gypsy Hill Federation

PUPIL FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING



£10,000+

of staff time supporting
outreach trips and pupil
outreach activities



600+

Distinct acts of pupil
fundraising and volunteering
in 2023-24 –1,500+ hours
(more than equivalent to an
entire year of school for an
FHS pupil)



**6 Students
Sponsored**

with full fees paid annually at
Mvumi School, Tanzania



100+

Christmas presents donated,
wrapped and delivered by Year
7 to young children at KLS



59

Year 12 students
volunteering 1 hr or
more per week at State
School and Charity
Partners

37 Outreach Events and Initiatives

(in only 35 school weeks!)



Student Fundraising 2023-2024	
BRECK FOUNDATION (Safer Internet Day Dress Up)	£310
BRITISH RED CROSS (Pupil donation)	£20
BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL (Remembrance Service)	£1,100
CHRISTIAN AID (Christian Aid Week)	£120
CLASSICS FOR ALL (Classics Week)	£180
CRISIS (House Fundraising)	£96
GROUNDSWELL (House Fundraising)	£75
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM FOODBANK (Charity Punk Gig)	£100
INDEEP (Carol Concert, Dress Up Day)	£522
KLS (House Fundraising, Fast Fashion Free Week)	£277
MVUMI (Christmas Fair, Dress Up Day, Science Week)	£2,115
REACH OUT NOW (Lower School Film Night)	£850
RED CROSS - MOROCCO & LIBYA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL (6th Form Playground Takeover)	£710
ST MUNGOS (House Fundraising)	£70
GRAND TOTAL	£6,545



100+ Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs, donated, decorated, and delivered by Y8 to the Elders at KLS

CASE STUDY 01

PAXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a library for today (and tomorrow).

In 2023, our School Library team worked with Paxton Primary School to set up, stock, staff, support, and sustain a new library. This was in response to Paxton's 2022 OFSTED inspection, in which a pressing need was identified to improve students reading fluency and confidence.



Our vision is for Paxton to have a self-managed and sustainable library space for use in years to come, reducing the direct support from FHS in the academic year 2024-25, and providing support for Paxton to become a hub for library development within the Gypsy Hill Federation.

“I feel happy in the library and I love that some of the books are so funny. Some of the books I have been looking for a really long time and they are here! I like that.

Harpar, Year 2 (Paxton)

SET UP

A cumulative 37 staff days of setting up and transforming disused space into welcoming and well-stocked school library over Summer 2023.

STOCK

Donations of books and furniture were coordinated by FHS library team, using contacts at publishers, wider writing community, and local schools.

STAFF

SLA and British Arts Council Trained FHS Librarian with 15 years experience funded to work at Paxton Primary 34 days per year, (one day per week in term time).

SUPPORT

Paxton Primary self-sufficient by the end of the academic year 2023-24.

FHS staff supported the OFSTED preparation process and were interviewed as part of the successful June 2024 inspection, in which Paxton was rated as **Good by OFSTED**.



6 CPD sessions

each attended by 40 teachers from 6 local state primary schools

16 Parent Volunteers

trained by FHS staff to ensure sustainable management of library by Paxton community. Continuous coordination over the course of the year

By September, the library had a stock of over 1000 books, with over

5000

total books loaned in 2023-24 (up from 0)

Further support from the FHS Library...



Reading Corners Project – **100% of classrooms** now meet the requirements of the 2023 National Reading Framework.



Two authors visited Paxton Primary for **World Book Day 2024**, funded by the FHS Library.



Christmas Library Scheme – ‘Mystery Book’ recommendations **chosen and wrapped by FHS** sixth form pupils.



FHS Parents made a considerable donation to Paxton to support their refugee and newly arrived community, providing shoes, coats, toys, uniform, home clothes, nightwear and iPads with language translation software.



139 children from St Barnabas Primary School attended book week talks at FHS and received a book, subsidised by publishers, coordinated by FHS.



300+ books provided at Christmas to Westminster Library Services for Looked After Children in the borough of Westminster, funded by FHS library.

CASE STUDY 02

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM FOODBANK

Whole community participation, huge impact.



“Despite the growing need for Foodbanks, we remain committed to finding a future without the need for mass emergency food. As well as addressing hunger in the local community our drive is to find the root cause of the problems faced by every Foodbank user and try and fix them so that they do not need to rely on us. We currently have an amazingly loyal donation base in the community but our increase in demand means every month we have a food shortfall of over 6 tonnes which we have to purchase through financial donations or emergency grants. We want to close that gap and every donation helps us to create a sustainable future for Foodbank whilst working to influence earlier intervention and crisis prevention.

Phil Storey - CEO, Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank

Francis Holland School has partnered with The Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank to address the growing need for emergency support in West London. As well as providing emergency food parcels to those in dire need, the Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank directs foodbank users to the support they are entitled to, or otherwise cannot access, in order to empower people to find sustainable solutions to the issues that are driving them to the point of acute crisis.



4% of ALL donations

to the Hammersmith & Fulham foodbank in academic year 2023-24 were from FHS

Outside of supermarket collection points, FHS is the

biggest single donator

of foodstuffs to the Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank

Foodbank Donations
3.2 tonnes

Monthly Collections
10

Warehouse Visits
5

Pupils, Parents and Staff Involved
81

Hours Volunteered
200+

Tonne of Donations Sorted
9+

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, offers significant financial support to the wider community, both in terms of means-tested bursary provision and by way of leveraging the talents of our pupils and parents to engage in charitable fundraising throughout the year.



Bursaries

The total Bursaries awarded amount to

£500k

In 2023-24, **28** FHS students were in receipt of means-tested bursaries, of which **14** (50%) received transformational bursaries (100% full fee support)

THE PROMISE CAMPAIGN

Seeks to build a £15m endowment to support 50 students on full fees in perpetuity. In 2023, the Promise Campaign Fund stands at £1.2m, donated by parents and alumni.



A Giving Culture

Our Parent and Alumnae Community

£22,500

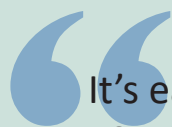
raised for Charity via Parents
Association Events

35%

of parent body
contribute to bursary
provision

100+

parents involved in
organisation of charitable
fundraising activities
throughout the year



It's easier to involve yourself in charity work at FHS, given how integrated charity is to everyday school life. I feel like FHS made it more likely for me to get involved in charity work later in life, as I could see the impact it could have.

Julia Kozieja - FHS Alumna (2022)
Volunteer with Young Epilepsy
Youth Voice Network

IMPROVING ACCESS: OUR FACILITIES

Though FHS is a relatively small school site, many community groups are encouraged to make use of our accessible facilities and central London location.



25

young people with SEND
take part in In-Deep
Drama Workshops,
fortnightly in Carmel Hall

£18,150

of facilities hire costs
waived for external lettings
to charitable organisations



100+

teachers attended a two
day Sing for Pleasure
Conducting and Choir
Leading CPD Workshop, led
by our Head of Co-Curricular
Music in the Senior Hall





250+

Primary School Children and 10 teachers attended The Coram Beanstalk Bookfest, hosted in the Senior Hall and supported by student and staff volunteers



65

delegates from local state schools, and the LEA attended an **African Caribbean Education Network (ACEN)** conference aimed at tackling racism in the primary curriculum



FHS Parents donated

£500k

to improve accessibility to facilities for those with disabilities or mobility issues

30

young people with SEND or physical disabilities enjoyed a 3 day In-Deep dance, drama and music workshop and showcase, hosted in the Senior Hall (and fully funded by student fundraising)

EVENTS - GET INVOLVED!



Keep up to date with our outreach work by visiting the FHS website
fhs-sw1.org.uk/about-us/co-curricular/charity-community

Below is a typical calendar of **FUNDRAISING, PARTNERSHIPS** & **EXTERNALLY ORGANISED** events, though many additional events take place each year, including several that are student-led.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monthly Foodbank Collections
Half-Termly Foodbank Sort Trips
Termly SSPA Nearly New Uniform Sale
LVI Volunteering Programme (Weekly)
In Deep Drama Workshop (Fortnightly)
KLS Trips and Visits
Junior School Science Masterclasses



AUTUMN

SSPA Quiz Night
Year 7 Christmas Presents for KLS Children Initiative
Harvest Festival Collection for In-Deep
In Deep Holiday Workshop (October)
Beanstalk Bookfest
Sing for Pleasure CPD
Poppy Appeal
UVI Fundraising Campaign
Charity Christmas Fair
History Lecture Series
Carol Concert Collection
Choir Visits (In Deep Christmas Lunch)



SPRING

Year 8 Easter Eggs for KLS Elders Initiative
SSPA Spring Fair
Science Week Events
FHS Book Week Events
Christian Aid Week
Classics Week
School Play/Musical Performance



SUMMER

Year 8 KLS Intergenerational Poetry
ACEN Conference
All Child Community Day
Expeditions Week (St Barnabas)
Year 11 Uniform Donation Drive
Playground Takeover!





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