

**SPONSORSTARS**  
Creating a brighter future

## Sponsorstars is growing!

AND AS WE GROW, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU WOULD PREFER TO SPONSOR.

BELOW ARE YOUR TWO OPTIONS:



Most sponsors wish their money to be used where it is most needed amongst the schools and many children that we support. As well as supporting a specific child, the sponsorship money is also used for items requested by the schools with which we work for the benefit of the Sponsorstars children within the school. Examples include the purchase of washing machines for various Sponsorstars schools so that they can help our pupils to wear clean and fresh uniforms every day. Some students miss school as they do not have sufficient or clean uniform to wear. Once a year, between December and January, we send all our pupils a gift (this year we are sending much needed hats and gloves). It is vital that we support our Sponsorstars children as fully as possible.



For those sponsors who wish, we allocate a specific pupil to a sponsor, which is a direct type of sponsorship. You would support one pupil and you would know their first name and age. We will do our best to give you some more information about that pupil (such as hobbies, dreams for the future etc.) although we have found that some children are rather shy at offering further information about themselves.



**TOGETHER WE CAN LEVEL UP THE FIELD AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE BETTER LIVES AND ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL.**

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY READING OUR NEWSLETTER!



## THREE QUESTIONS TO OUR TRUSTEE ANDREW TOLL

*Andrew is a Chartered Financial Planner and has over 12 years of experience advising private clients on complex and challenging situations, having previously worked at Barclays Private Bank and Weatherbys Private Bank. He is now a Director of boutique financial planning practice, Mulberry Bow, based in the City of London.*

*As an existing sponsor, Andrew decided to become a Trustee of Sponsorstars because he is passionate about helping disadvantaged children and wanted to be actively involved and engaged in making a positive difference to their lives.*

### ★ **From Sponsor to Trustee... What made you choose to take the step?**

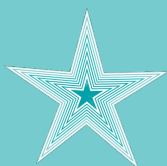
For me, the opportunity to be actively involved in a tangible way was too great to pass up. Being a sponsor was rewarding, but to actually be engaged in a role where I can make a positive contribution was appealing.

### ★ **What change would you most like to see in our society?**

In an ideal world, I would like to live in a society where poverty doesn't exist.

### ★ **How can big firms get involved with Charitable organisations such as ours?**

Big firms could elect to have a charity of the year, whereby they work alongside a charity for 12 months and host multiple fundraising events. Or where big firms work alongside multiple charities, they could hold a one-off fundraising event.



# CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

A corporate sponsorship is a **form of support nonprofits receive from corporations for an event or other project**. The benefits are twofold: nonprofits receive the help they need to continue serving their missions, while the company receives tax deductions and a positive boost in their brand.

We have been extremely lucky to count on the support of:



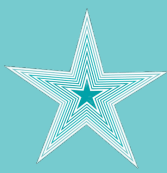
Mulberry Bow is a boutique chartered financial planning practice based in the City of London. We provide holistic, independent advice to private clients, with a cap of 50 clients per chartered financial planner ensuring a proactive and personalised service.

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# FUNDRAISING EVENT!



Well done to M. for her first ever, and hugely successful fundraising event at Laidlaw Education.

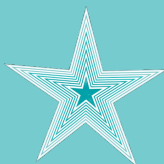
This was a final project for M's Money Skills Course.

M. has explored various topics and had the opportunity to put some of her new learning into action, planning and budgeting and promoting her fundraising project to allow her to maximise profit.

She worked extremely hard, with an amazing sum resulting in a year's sponsorship.







We are always touched when we receive feedback from our pupils.

Not unusually for young people, some give plenty of details, others share slightly less. Some of our students express, through their writing, a lack of confidence in themselves and what the future holds for them. We hope that with our support they will gradually become more confident and focused on their future aims.

Below are a couple of examples from our Secondary School pupils!



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER  
4 questions to:

 Helen 

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*What is your favourite subject?*  
My favourite subject is Art

*Two adjectives that describe your personality*  
Introverted and kind

*What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?*  
I like going out with my friends

*What is your dream for the future?*  
I would like to have a stable life with a good job.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER  
4 questions to:

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*What is your favourite subject?*  
Computer Science

*Two adjectives that describe your personality*  
Intelligent and a bit boring

*What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?*  
Reading books

*What is your dream for the future?*  
Game development

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Thank you for this sponsorship and have a good day.



As many of you are aware, during the Festive season, we send a gift to each of our sponsored students.

In January, we will be sending each of our sponsored children a pair of warm gloves and a beanie hat. Many of them do not have these basic items.

It is always humbling to receive news of their happy responses and how grateful they are that there are people that care.

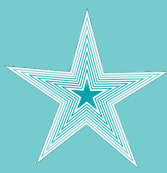
## FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Thanks so much, our students have already started to use their allocation and are really excited, which is great!

The child and his mum had been taken into a refuge in Ilford and his mum was having difficulty in providing him with a packed lunch until the Free School Meals situation was sorted out. The Borough was saying that because he was living in R\*\*\*\* it was their responsibility and vice versa, it has now been sorted out thankfully.

We know we have given all the 20 names but we have a new student starting with us this week who we feel would be an ideal recipient of the sponsorship. Would we be able to add her to the list?





# GET INVOLVED!

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Volunteers boost our power, lighten the load, and exponentially increase our impact. Best of all, they do it because they believe in the cause and want to help.\*

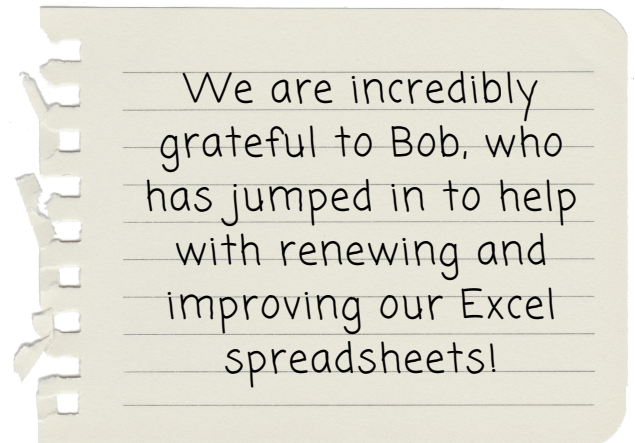
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Volunteer with us and use your valuable skills for a meaningful cause!

We need help with Social Media, Marketing and IT jobs, fundraising events, and networking.

We are also keen to build our Board of Trustees. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please ask for further details.

\* [causevox.com](https://causevox.com)



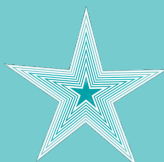
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## It's time to



Donating through Gift Aid means charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. Charities can claim Gift Aid on most donations, but some payments do not qualify.

You can include all donations from the last 4 years. Tell the charity about any tax years where you did not pay enough tax.

Paying enough tax to qualify for Gift Aid.

Your donations will qualify as long as they're not more than 4 times what you have paid in tax in that tax year (6 April to 5 April).

The tax could have been paid on income or capital gains.

You must tell the charities you support if you stop paying enough tax.

Higher rate taxpayers.

If you pay tax above the basic rate, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation. It's the same if you live in Scotland. Do this either:

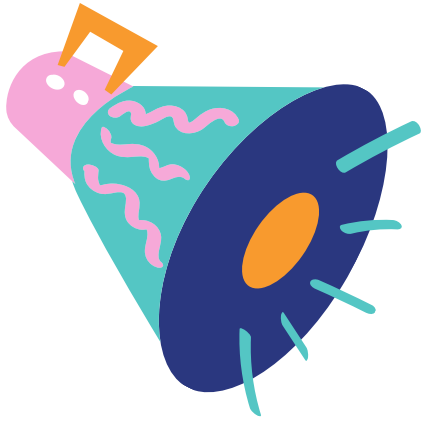
- through your Self Assessment tax return
- by asking HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to amend your tax code

Example You donate £100 to charity - they claim Gift Aid to make your donation £125. You pay 40% tax so you can personally claim back £25.00 (£125 x 20%).

With Payroll Giving, you do not pay the difference between the higher and basic rate of tax on your donation.

**Please write to us if we can help with filling up the form or if you need a printed copy sent to your address.**





# WE NEED MORE SPONSORS



**For our growing number of pupils**

