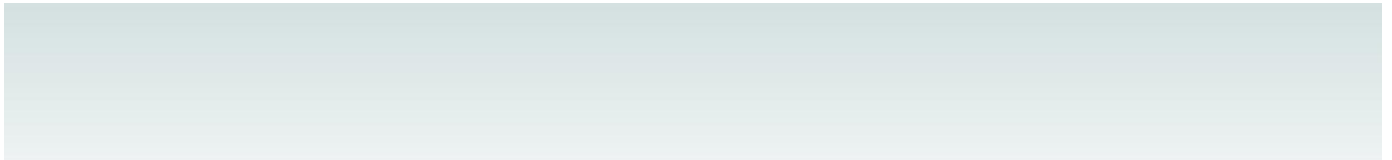


‘Play Your Part’



Phase One

Music Centre £1.5m



The Problem

Wycombe High School's facilities to support performing arts teaching are inadequate. The school hall built in the 1950s has all its original features and issues and will only accommodate one third of the performing school. As a performance area it is antiquated and inadequate.

The current music building is lacking in teaching, rehearsing and performance space and is at risk of breaching health and safety regulations.

The Solution

A three phase development starting with a dedicated Music Centre for the school and wider community, boasting practice rooms, recital and performance space with appropriate acoustic treatment and state-of-the-art recording area and technical facilities.

The second phase is upgrading the school hall to provide a large performance space with improved lighting, sound, acoustics, staging and seating.

Finally we will upgrade the old music building to provide further performing arts classrooms and Sixth Form facilities.

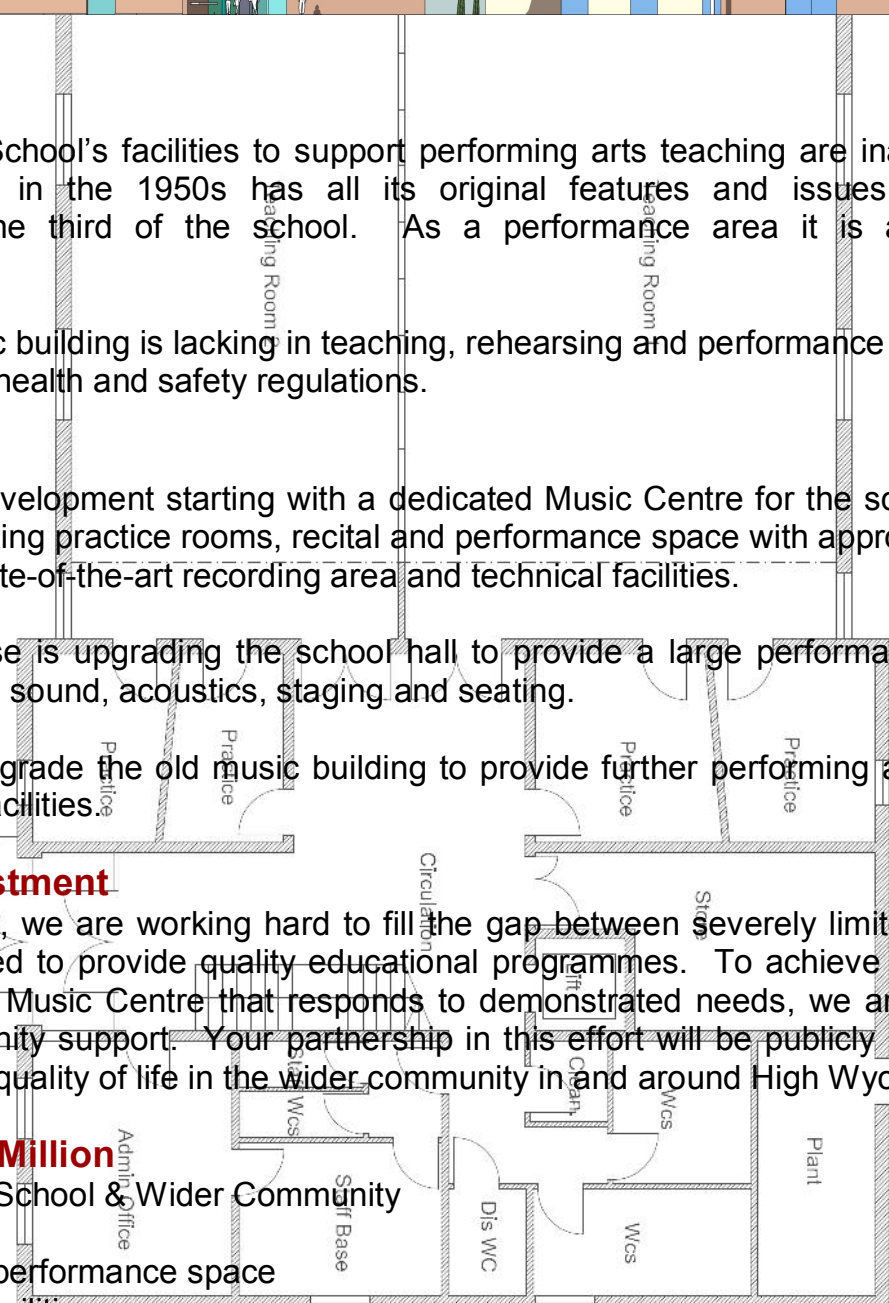
Financial Investment

Like many others, we are working hard to fill the gap between severely limited public funds and those required to provide quality educational programmes. To achieve the first phase, construction of a Music Centre that responds to demonstrated needs, we are seeking £1.5 million in community support. Your partnership in this effort will be publicly recognised and also improve the quality of life in the wider community in and around High Wycombe.

Phase 1 - £1.5 Million

Music Centre for School & Wider Community

- Recital and performance space
- Rehearsal facilities
- Practice Rooms
- Storage and office space
- Sound proofing
- Acoustics
- State-of-the-art recording studio



80% of the benefits of the Performing Arts Centre Campaign are achieved in Phase 1.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY ARE YOU ASKING US TO SUPPORT THESE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES?

As a state-funded grammar school we have no fees to support us. Government funding is very limited and often restricted to essential maintenance. If we do not try and do this for ourselves, the school will quite simply stand still. By raising additional funds through regular parental donations, we can move at pace to provide the facilities and resources that we feel are essential to support your daughter's education here and the education of future generations.

WILL OUR CONTRIBUTION CLOSE DOORS TO OTHER FUNDING?

No. In fact, quite the opposite. By raising money we can often attract additional matched funds from central government and from other grant-making bodies. For example we applied for, and were awarded, a grant of £57k from the Wolfson Foundation for a new Data Logging Suite & Science Prep Room.

AREN'T THERE OTHER WAYS TO RAISE MONEY?

Yes, and we are pursuing these routes, too. We applied for, and were awarded, a grant of £215k from the Academies Capital Maintenance Fund for the Miller Block Window Replacement Project which is currently underway.

Our active Parents And Friends Association raises money each year through a range of social events; we hire out our premises to sports and other groups; we submit bids for additional funding through grants, trusts and foundations; we attract commercial sponsorship and we have student Development Ambassadors who run fundraising events and sell Wycombe High School branded products at school productions.

IS THE FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING GOING TO AFFECT MY DAUGHTER'S EXPERIENCE AT WYCOMBE HIGH SCHOOL?

Only in a positive way. We will be able to put in place the resources that we feel are key to supporting your daughter's education at Wycombe High School. Your daughter will leave us as a confident and creative young woman, equipped with the educational and social skills to meet the demands of the 21st Century.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please support our initiatives to upgrade our school site and facilities by making a regular donation to the school – it will not be possible without you. Everyone's personal circumstances differ. No matter the size, every gift is meaningful, every gift has value.

If you are a UK Taxpayer by giving through the Gift Aid scheme you can increase your gift to us by 25%. Higher rate tax payers can claim additional tax relief. **We have already been able to recover over £100,000 from the Inland Revenue, making it the largest single donor to the school.**

If you are working, your firm may offer a matched funding scheme. Some parents have also made company donations, which result in corporation tax savings for the company as well as benefiting the school. Please commit to help us realise our plans by giving generously, as others have done, by completing the 'Play Your Part' Gift Form and returning it to the Development Office.

Thank you for supporting Wycombe High School.



‘Play Your Part’

Message from the Headteacher & President of the Development Board

Wycombe High School students are high attaining, well qualified and hard working. They are able to perform well under pressure and can juggle many competing demands: the very skills that universities and employers are seeking. We support our students, your daughter, to develop these academic skills, so she can choose to be whatever she wants to be. We ensure doors are opened to our students and few are closed. We know many will go to university; all will be employees. We hope many will be the next generation of leaders; and many will be parents.

Yet their academic success is only one part of their story. Wycombe High School cares just as much, if not more, about the other aspects of our students’ development: the aspects that build confidence, self-esteem, team work, enterprise skills, communications skills, and innovation. These are key parts of any Wycombe High School student. These are the other skills that employers and universities value; these are the skills that will make your daughter stand out from the crowd; that will help her to be a good citizen, a good friend, a good neighbour; the skills that will ensure she is a success in her chosen field.

We build these skills in a variety of ways; but most specifically we build them through our extra-curricular provision: for example sport, drama, dance, and music and performing arts.

Over the years we have invested in our academic and sporting facilities, whilst our performing arts facilities have been ignored, despite almost every student being involved in the performing arts in some way throughout her career at Wycombe High School. She may be a performer or a backstage hand, a technician, part of the sales and marketing team, or watching and supporting her peers at our many events.

We all need to ‘Play our Part’ for this campaign to be a success. Upgrades to our new performing arts facilities will not only benefit your daughter, but will be an invaluable addition for the local community, providing a much needed venue for music, drama and dance rehearsals and performances. We are already a local hub for many external community organisations; this will enable us to support our wider community even further.

Phase 1 involves the building of a new dedicated Music Centre (pictured above), to replace our existing facility which no longer

fulfils the needs of a thriving and successful department.

What better news for the campaign than the announcement that our Director of Music, Mrs Sheila Cornall, has been awarded the Classic FM Secondary Music Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs Cornall received her award on Monday 7 November 2011 at the Royal Albert Hall, where the Music For Youth School Proms were being held.

Support us by promoting, attending and inviting guests to the series of concerts we have planned this year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs SN Cromie
Headteacher

Mr S Roy
President of Development Board

For more information about this campaign and how you could play your part, please e-mail playyourpart@whs.bucks.sch.uk.

**Wycombe High School's
Concert Series 2011-2012**

Come and support the 'Play Your Part' campaign to develop a new Performing Arts Centre by promoting, attending and inviting friends and families to the following events. Phase 1 of the campaign is to develop a new Music Centre for the school and wider community. We can't possibly meet our target of £1.5 million without your support.

**Saturday 25 February
7.00 pm in St Lawrence's
Church, West Wycombe**

A concert of Chamber Music performed by the Wycombe High School Chamber Orchestra, soloists and our Musician in Residence, Vlad Maistorovici

**Friday 16 March - Baillie
Murphy Music Festival
9.15 am - 3.40 pm in the
School Hall**

Competitive instrumental, vocal, ensemble and choral festival. Admission free.

**Saturday 24 March – An
Evening of Musical
Theatre
7.00 pm in the School
Hall**

Items from famous musicals performed by students and guests. Interval supper will be served in The Forum. Tickets will be available nearer the date.

**Tuesday 27 March -
Lower School Concert
7.00 pm in the School
Hall**

Featuring Wind Band, Orchestra, Choir and winners from solo sections of the Baillie Murphy Music Festival.

Tickets priced £6 and £3 (under 18s) available from school.

**Saturday 21 April –
'The Creation' (Haydn)
7.30 pm in All Saints
Parish Church**

A celebratory performance of this wonderful masterpiece by Wycombe High School students present and past, who will be joined by students from the Royal Grammar School, parents and friends. Our soloists will be young professional singers starting on their professional careers.

If you would like to participate in this performance, please contact the Director of Music, Sheila Cornall at office@whs.bucks.sch.uk for further details, including rehearsals. Tenors and Basses are especially welcome!

**Wednesday 25 April -
Senior Concert
7.00 pm in the School
Hall**

Featuring Senior Orchestra, Concert and Jazz Bands, Chamber Choir and winners from the

senior sections of the Baillie Murphy Music Festival.

Tickets priced £6 and £3 (under 18s) available from the school.

**Wednesday 9 May -
Masterclass by Lawrence
Power**

1.00 – 4.00 pm

**Recital by Lawrence
Power (viola) and Simon
Crawford-Phillips (piano)
7.30pm**

Both events take place in the School Hall, Wycombe High School.

**Saturday 30 June – Jazz
Picnic**

**6.00 pm onwards in the
school grounds**

Following the Guild Reunion which takes place earlier in the day, we will be entertained by Russell Barr and friends who will provide an evening of Jazz and Popular music. (Arrangements will be in place should the weather be inclement.)

***For more information
about this campaign and
how you could play your
part, please e-mail
playyourpart@whs.bucks.sch.uk.***



Wycombe High School

'Play Your Part' Campaign Gift Form

YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We depend on the strong spirit of philanthropy and generosity of our committed parents and local community to continue to invest in every aspect of school life for present and future generations of Wycombe High School students. This gift will directly benefit the ne Performing Arts Centre Campaign.

YOUR DETAILS

Surname: _____ Daughter's Name(s): _____ Form: _____
Forename: _____ Form: _____
Address: _____ Telephone No: _____
Work No: _____
Post code: _____ Mobile No: _____
Preferred Method of Contact: _____ Email address: _____

REGULAR GIFTS BY STANDING ORDER (please tick the Gift Aid box below if appropriate)

I / We would like to support Wycombe High School with a gift of: (please tick one)

£25 £35 £50 £75 Other £

At a frequency of: Monthly Other _____

SINGLE GIFT (please tick the Gift Aid box below if appropriate)

I / We would like to support Wycombe High School with a single gift of: (please tick one)

£350 £500 £750 £850 Other _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: (please tick one)

- Standing Order (Please complete the form above).
 Cheque (Please make cheques payable to Wycombe High School Development).

BANK DETAILS

If you would like to set up a standing order online, please be sure to complete the starting date, date and sign the form returning it to the Development Office at your convenience.

To the Bank Manager of: _____ The sum of £ _____
(your bank name)
Address: _____ Starting the _____ day of _____ 20 _____
and continue until I give notice in writing.

Please pay to: NatWest Name on Account: _____
High Wycombe Branch My Account No: _____
33 High Street High Wycombe My Bank Sort code: _____
Bucks HP11 2AJ

Sort Code: 601101 Date: _____

Account No: 15747409 Signature: _____

For the credit of: Wycombe High School Development

GIFT AID

If you are a UK Taxpayer you can increase your gift to us by 25% by ticking the following Gift Aid Declaration. To find out more about Gift Aid see overleaf.

YES, I would like Wycombe High School to reclaim the tax from the Inland Revenue on all donations / membership subscriptions I make for their work. To find out more about how Gift Aid works please see overleaf.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OTHER WAYS OF GIVING

- I am interested in leaving a gift to Wycombe High School in my will. Please send me further information.
 I am interested in making a tax efficient gift of shares or other gifts to Wycombe High School. Please send me further information.

For those of you already making regular contributions, we apologise for this duplication.
Thank you for supporting Wycombe High School Fund. Charity no. 1068409.

GIFT AID

When a gift is made by a UK taxpayer under the Gift Aid scheme, we are able to increase its value significantly. Higher rate taxpayers can also claim back the difference between the basic, higher and highest rates via their tax return as illustrated below:

Annual Gift	Total Donation To School	Higher Rate Tax Payers Can Reclaim	Highest Rate Tax Payers Can Reclaim
£300 or £25/month	£385	£75	£113
£420 or £30/month	£538	£105	£158
£600 or £50/month	£769	£150	£225
£700 or £75/month	£847	£175	£263

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest £. Source: Institute of Fundraising based on 2010/11 rates.

Notes:

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying the Charity in writing.
2. You must pay income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Charity reclaims on your donation(s) in the tax year.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains equal to the tax the Charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. Please notify the Charity if you change your name or address.
6. In order to claim Gift Aid the donation must be drawn on your personal account, not a business account.

EVERY GIFT OF EVERY SIZE COUNTS

No matter the size, every gift is meaningful, every gift has value. The fact that you give is as important as the amount that you give. The following table provides some examples of the money we can raise together.

If 10 People Give Per Month	Total Per Year	Total Per Year Including Gift Aid
£25	£3,000	£3,846
£35	£4,200	£5,384
£50	£6,000	£7,692
£75	£9,000	£11,538

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest £. Source: Institute of Fundraising based on 2010/11 rates.

REGULAR GIVING

A gift pledged over time can make a significant contribution to Wycombe High School's future. The examples below show how monthly donations can add up to a major contribution over seven years. Please consider this type of gift if you are able to do so.

Monthly Donation	Value Over 7 Years	Higher Rate Tax Payers Can Reclaim	Total Donation To School
£25	£2,100	£525	£2,692
£35	£2,940	£735	£3,769
£50	£4,200	£1,050	£5,384
£75	£6,300	£2,363	£8,077

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest £. Source: Institute of Fundraising based on 2010/11 rates.

DATA PROTECTION

Data is used by Wycombe High School in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act (1998) for the following purposes: to send Wycombe High School publications, to share news of upcoming alumnae events and programmes involving academic and administrative departments, and for fundraising. The data will not be disclosed to external organisations other than those acting as agents for Wycombe High School.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- We would like to acknowledge the generosity of Wycombe High School's donors. However, if you would prefer to remain anonymous, please tick the box.

Thank you for your Gift!

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to the Development Office, Wycombe High School, Marlow Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1TB. Wycombe High School Fund is registered as a charity no. 1068409.