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Pate's Grammar School



Funds Raised

Capital Fundraising

Since 2010 raised £8,103,313

Annual Funds

2013/14 and 2014/15 raised £112,385

Revenue Fundraising

Since Apr 2015 to date, Making £nds Meet raised over £797,000

Grand Total £9,012,698



5 Pate's Pointers The 5 Ps

Regular giving for a revenue campaign



Perceptions

Internal: staff and governors

Make some visible savings even if
it doesn't save a lot. It does
however, send a strong message
and gets people on board.

PERCEPTION IS REAL EVEN WHEN IT IS NOT REALITY

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External: parents and alumni

You need to know what their perceptions are.

Don't plead like a pauper and then put on a lavish free event!



Parents' Association

- Vital to get them on-board
- Use them to find out parent perceptions
 - you may need to myth bust!
- Practice your message on them (presentations etc)
- Ensure they fundraise for the same cause
 - Not only raises additional funds but increases the volume on your message



Presentations

- Keep the message consistent and look at opportunities to piggy back existing school events / information evenings
- Consider short videos to get the message / ask across at events where a presentation would be inappropriate.



Past Pupils (alumni but I'm sticking with the 'P's)

- As with the PA vital to get them on-board and understand perceptions
 - again you may need to myth bust!
- Again consistent message



Principles

- Explain the facts (with the required myth busting)
- Open and honest
- Consistent message (supported visibly wherever possible)
- Know your audience intelligent, knowledgeable...treat them accordingly





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Dr Challoner's Grammar School



Our Astra Fund



Background to the fund:



- How we use the Astra Fund to help our budgetary position
- What the Fund achieves
- Cash flow certainty provided through accurate projections



Fundraising can make a transformational difference to education through improvements





Planning: The Annual Cycle of the Fund

- Summer Term determining projects
- Database segmentation
- Crafting the letters
- Preparing everything to go out being ready for September
- Raising awareness of projects achieved through article in school magazine
- Autumn Term period of activity
- Timing of letters being sent for different year groups
- Immediate thanks
- Spring Term more thanking!



Running an Annual Fund on a Shoestring

- Improve your own IT skills
- Use students to help stuff envelopes, Prefects to work at events and to write articles for you
- Our own Y10 students undertake a project to design a marketing advert in just 1 day.
- The results are phenomenal and highlight the skills of students today.





Compliance

- Financial Regulations
- GDPR
- Data sharing agreements
- Good practice





Thank you

Any Questions

