

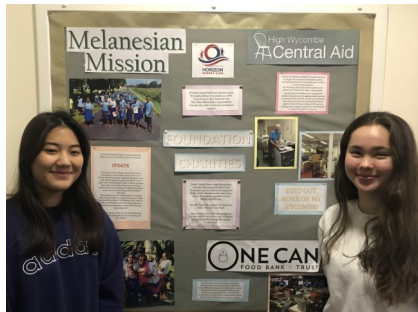
Charity Newsletter

Wycombe Abbey School

A few words from our Charity Prefects

2019 has been an amazing year for charity at Wycombe - from the Sports Dinner to the Sleep Out as well as the achievements of individual girls! In the Summer term, we voted for two new whole school charities: Renewable World and Wycombe Homeless Connection. Our successful Dove Day and GlastonAbbey marked the start of our fundraising for these charities and we are looking forward to working more closely with them. This year we have seen particularly how individual girls, Houses and the whole School can come together to respond quickly to international disasters and support causes we are all deeply passionate about. The Charity Representatives of each House have been working hard to support each event and every girl in the School has given back to the community in her own way. We hope you enjoy this year's reflection on Charity@Wycombe and look forward to some very exciting events coming up!

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Sports Dinner



We raised: £2772

The sports dinner occurred in May. It was a celebration of Wycombe's sporting success. In addition to this, money was raised for the tickets purchased by parents to support our elected school charities. It was a fabulous event filled with awards, music and dancing with

Phire and the acapella society performing.

Olympic swimmer, Mark Foster, talked about his life and sporting journey, which was a lovely addition to the night. It was definitely a night to remember supporting one of our school charities as well as celebrating the successes of several people



GlastonAbbey

We raised: £1465

During the Summer term, Wycombe hosted its very own version of the



Glastonbury Music Festival - GlastonAbbey. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, featuring a number of student-led rock bands, solo performances by Semal, and even a band made up of the Resident Tutors! Accompanied by the great weather, the staff, pupils and parents all seemed to have a great time. Face painting, arcade games and scones kept everyone entertained, and there were accessories and band merchandise available for purchase. These ranged from badges, to bubbles, to even clothing.

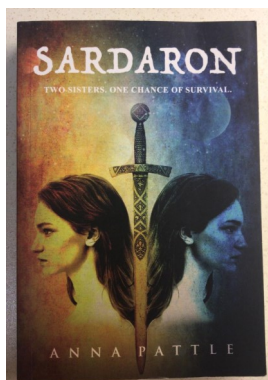
Charity Champion

A 'Charity Champion' is someone who has made a significant effort towards a charitable cause or activity. Whether that is raising money or simply bringing our attention to a crisis or cause. Charity champions can be nominated at any time.

A Charity Champion we would like to mention is Larissa (UV). Following on from the 2019 Sri Lanka Easter bombings, Larissa organised a bake sale and chapel collection to raise funds to help with aid. Over £600 was raised with the proceeds sent to the victims to help with food, shelter, and medical supplies. We are grateful for Larissa's charitable efforts—well done!

Anna's Book

At the start of 2019, Anna (UV), published her first book, *Sardaron*, after being inspired at a creative writing course. She wrote her book over two summers, before finally self-publishing it in January. She chose to donate all profits to World Reader, a charity that provides e-readers with free books in underdeveloped countries that have limited access to books. Overall she raised an impressive £1000, and the book is still available for purchase on Amazon.



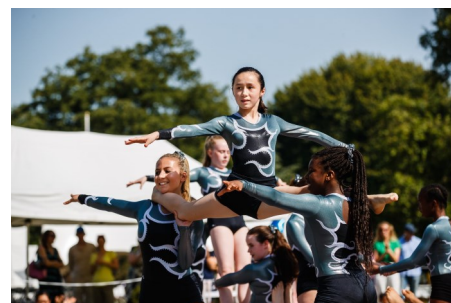
A sequel may even be in the works!

Sleep Out



Wycombe Homeless Connection is a registered charity founded in 2007 which serves around 500 homeless or vulnerably-housed individuals each year. The charity's overall aim is to help people rebuild their lives by assisting them not only with accommodation but also to develop skills to live independently and take part in the community. The Wycombe sleep out happened earlier this year in order to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by homeless people. The sixth form girls took part to show their support for the people facing said difficulties and raised **£2527** for Wycombe Homeless Connection.

We raised: £2527



Dove Day

This year's Dove Day was especially memorable as an exciting raffle took place in aid of our new whole school charities, Wycombe Homeless Connection and Renewable World. The prizes were specialised hampers compiled by each house, which was a collaborative effort from all the girls who each brought back an item to contribute. A total of £1060 was raised from all the raffle tickets which were sold, marking a great start in our partnership with these charities.



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Bonfire Night

We raised: £2400

Despite the fireworks being postponed due to the rain this year, the girls still managed to raise an incredible sum of £2400 on bonfire night with their highly creative house charity stalls, which included a wide range of products as well as fun games. Like previous years, the money we raised has been donated to Melanesian Mission in order to help the rebuild of St Patrick's School which was destroyed by a volcano.



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Every Christmas, each house shows their support for the One Can Trust, one of the school's foundation charities, by bringing back items for their food bank. This is then collected to help people across South Bucks. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Upcoming Events

Next term, we are looking forward to hosting our own **Wycombe Met Gala** on **Saturday 2 May** to raise money for our school charities—keep an eye out for more information!

On the **14 March**, we will also be having a **Charity Swim Gala** With non-traditional relay events and a variety of food and prizes on offer, it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon!