

Following the launch of our Sports and Arts fund last Founders Day we received 24 applications and granted a total of £1,514.95. We wanted to share with you some of our SAF success stories:

Aoife Stevenson – Year 8 – Nicholas Chamberlaine School

We were very impressed with the detailed description of Aoife’s achievements to date in her application as well as videos we found of her skating on YouTube. This is exactly the type of thing the GST’s Sports and Arts Fund was established for: to uncover wide horizons being pursued outside of the curriculum and to help support them.

Aoife is a figure Skater and currently represents team GB at national and international competitions. More recently she has won Gold medals in National competitions in Oxford, Guildford, Milton Keynes and Silver at Sheffield. She represented GB and won Silver in Romania. In December this year, Aoife has qualified to compete for the British Championships which is a huge achievement in itself!

The SAF Team are very proud of Aoife and have awarded her £200 for new blades and skates to ensure she has the right equipment for her to excel further. We wish Aoife the best of luck in future competitions and look forward to hearing how she gets on.



Mia Smith-Lapper – Year 5 - Kingfisher

In her application Mia informed us that she had recently auditioned for a part in the TONY award winning musical ‘In the Heights’ and secured place meaning she practises dance for up to 10 hours a week. She applied to the fund for a pair of Capezio dance trainers similar to the pair below.



Keelan Fallows – Year 10 - Nicholas Chamberlaine School

Keelan was our very first applicant. He not only plays for the school team but is also goalkeeper for Coventry City at academy level. He wrote a very clear application and was awarded with a pair of his chosen goalie gloves.



Morwenna Hills – Year 7 – Stantonbury Campus

Morwenna explained in her application that she has been learning the clarinet for the last 3 years and is currently studying towards her Grade 3 exam. She is currently using a hired clarinet and wanted to own her own. Through our Director of Music's connections we manage to purchase her a second hand Buffet B12 Bb Clarinet.



Art Students – Year 10 - Nicholas Chamberlaine School

We had 12 GSCE students from Nicholas Chamberlaine School apply for the fund in need of art equipment for their future projects. Materials such as; acrylic paints, sketchpads, brushes, art folders and high quality pencils were just a few of the items requested by the pupils. The applications were reviewed by senior members of the Griffin Schools Trust and all students were gifted an advanced studies art pack.

Below is the art pack the students received and we very much look forward to see the creative pieces they produced with their brand new materials. Well Done!



These are just a few of the successful applicants from round one. The SAF team look forward to hearing from more applicants in round 2.