



# CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language and Humanities College  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## Update – School Funding Campaign

Firstly, thank you for the huge support that you gave to me and other Head Teachers who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London with many more supporting their actions too.

It is clear from the emails that colleagues and I received from parents that you overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the Chancellor, we will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. In anticipation of any further announcements regarding school funding, I include a link below to a short Fact Checker on information you may have seen already.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this, we are able to let you know that parent groups were lobbying parliament on the 10<sup>th</sup> October and there will be a national day of parental action on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. For more information, please use the hashtag #parentsteachersunite on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receives a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Key  
**Head Teacher**



## **Fact Check**

Head Teachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will ensure parents and the wider public are provided with accurate information about spending on schools. The articles below provide further information and clarification on claims issued recently that the UK was "third highest spender on education in the world". <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-45746062>

<https://www.tes.com/news/greening-treasury-sees-education-cost-not-investment>

The Worth Less? campaign has always used independently sourced evidence and this has given strength to our campaign work. It is not accurate to suggest that Government spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when the Department for Education has included spending by families on university tuition fees (loans to students) and independent (private) school fees. This adds billions of pounds to headline data but has absolutely no effect on funding for our schools who are accepted to be managing real terms cuts of 8% since 2010, as confirmed by The National Audit Office and the Institute of Fiscal Studies.