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Dear Parents/Carers

Supporting Your Academy – Gift Aid Donations

At The Marlborough Science Academy we are committed to creating the best learning environment possible for our community.

Over the last few years we have updated and expanded many areas around the school mainly due to prudent budgeting and our increased popularity, however Gift Aid funding does help to supply additional extras that enhance learning.

Despite all these successes however, we need more than the Government are able to give if we are to provide the best for our students. Extras like up to date ICT resources, musical equipment, PE equipment, Media Studies resources, design & technology equipment are just a few of the things that we need to keep the school moving forward.

The Marlborough Science Academy operates a Gift Aid scheme; which some of our parents have already contributed to, for which we are truly thankful. As a result of this in the past we have been able to do the following for our Academy:

- Purchase £10,000 worth of new books for our library
- Purchase equipment for the Science laboratories that were built in 2002

How does the Gift Aid Scheme work?

For every pound donated to the Academy through the scheme, we are able to claim back from the Inland Revenue a further 28p.

Donations can be made monthly, quarterly or if you prefer as a one-off amount. A donation of £10 per month is equal to 33p per day and if every parent was able to make this contribution for a year, then the Academy would receive an extra £26,400 from the Taxman.

If you would like to support your Academy in this way, then all you need to do is complete the attached Gift Aid declaration form, the Standing Order Mandate Form if you are choosing to make monthly/quarterly donations, and return these to the Academy marked for the attention of the Main Office.

We are also able to offer all parents who make a donation to the Academy in this way, the opportunity to have a free family portrait session and family desk portrait through Hoss Photography, who are based in Watford. Please see the enclosed letter for further details.

The Governors continue to review the financial situation to ensure that the maximum value for money is obtained in every area of budget expenditure.

Please do, however, let me emphasise a few important points:-

- **contributions remain voluntary** - your child will not suffer any inequality of opportunity at Marlborough if you decide you are unable to support us in this way;
- **other forms of voluntary fund raising will continue** - the PTA in particular provides much more than an additional source of funds; it is a fundamental part of the wider school/family/community picture which we value very highly.

Let me end by stressing that I am totally committed to making Marlborough succeed for the sake of your children's education and future. The high standards that we strive for at Marlborough will continue irrespective of any Gift Aid contribution. What Gift Aid will do for us however, is allow us to rollout ICT initiatives a little more quickly than budgeted for, or assist with our modernisation programme. Any amount, however small, would be enormously helpful to us.

Please do help us if you possibly can.

Ms A Thomson
Headteacher



GIFT AID DECLARATION

I wish to make a Gift Aid donation of:

£5

£10

£20

per month

per quarter

Please tick the boxes that apply, and please complete and return the attached standing order mandate form.

I am not able to make a regular donation, however I would like to make a one-off donation of £ _____

I am a taxpayer* and I wish the Academy to reclaim tax on my donations.

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other – Please delete as appropriate

Full Name

Address

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..... Post Code

Signed:

Date:

Student Name

Form

*Please notify the Academy if your circumstances change and you no longer pay income tax

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To _____ Bank Plc _____ Branch

Full Address _____

Please pay:

Beneficiary's Bank and Branch Name <u>LLOYDS TSB</u> <u>36 Chequer Street, St. Albans, Herts AL1 3YQ</u>		
Sorting Code Number 30-97-25	Beneficiary's Account Number 29157960	Beneficiary's Name THE MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY
First Payment * £	Date of First Payment *	Reference
Usual Payment £	Start Date	Frequency (eg. 10 th monthly)
Last Payment * £	Expiry Date _____ OR Until Further Notice	

- Use shaded boxes if First and/or Last Payment differ(s) from Usual Payment

Account to be Debited	Account Number
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Delete one of the following.

- a. **This is a new instruction.**
- b. **Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the Beneficiary under the above reference.**

Signature(s) _____

_____ Date _____