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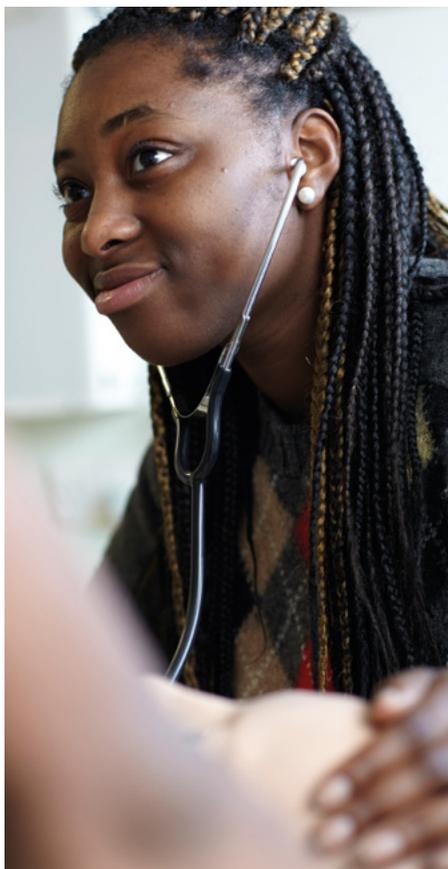
Our annual Telephone Fundraising Campaign provides an opportunity for our current students to update alumni on what's going on across St George's, as well as raising money for vital student causes.

**Last year's campaign raised over £106,000
for students at St George's.**

THANKS TO ALUMNI DONATIONS

made last year, we have provided funding towards a range of student-focussed projects, including buying equipment for the new Clinical Skills Practice Space, refurbishing the Counselling Room, and offering career coaching to 2022 graduates.

This May, we hope that you will take a call from a student following in your footsteps and consider supporting this year's campaign, so that all of our students can have the best possible experience at St George's.



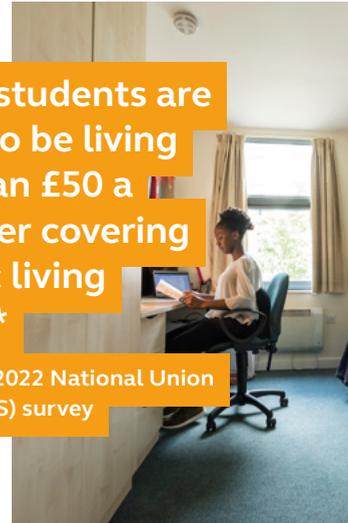
Help our students navigate the cost-of-living crisis

In 2023, we are focusing our fundraising efforts on raising money for our Hardship Fund to support students through the cost-of-living crisis, as well as securing donations for our Annual Fund which provides flexible support where it is most needed across St George's.

Every student at St George's has faced the challenge of balancing the cost of studying in London with day-to-day expenses like travel, utility bills and food. Sadly, for today's students, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep on top of the rising costs of living.

A third of students are reported to be living on less than £50 a month after covering their basic living expenses.*

*According to a 2022 National Union of Students (NUS) survey



As a university, we are doing all we can to help students navigate the cost-of-living crisis, so that they can focus on their studies without the burden of financial constraints. But we need your help to ensure that emergency funding is available to each and every student who is most in need.

Support our Hardship Fund

“I am so grateful to those who have supported the Hardship Fund. I was struggling to cope financially following a period of instability whilst suffering from ill health. At one point, I was working miles away from University as I was worried about late payment charges and debts.”

“Receiving a Hardship Fund grant helped me access the support I needed, allowing me to cope better financially and improve my physical and mental health.”

Hardship Fund recipient 2021/22

Last year, almost **40,000** students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland withdrew from their courses. This is almost a quarter more than in the previous year, according to figures published by the Student Loans Company.

We want to make sure that no student at St George's needs to make the difficult decision to leave their studies due to a lack of funds.

Our Hardship Fund exists to ensure that financial need is not a barrier to learning at St George's. As more and more of our students find themselves facing financial hardship caused by circumstances beyond their control, you can help by supporting this year's Telephone Campaign.



Donating £30 a month could help provide Hardship Fund grants for our students, helping them cover living costs like travel, rent and utility bills.

Supporting our Annual Fund

Supporting our Annual Fund helps offer flexible funding where it is needed most, so that we can respond to the needs of our students.

Providing access to food for those most in need

“Being able to access a food bank on campus with no shame or embarrassment has meant that I can reach out for the help I need. I can’t thank St George’s and our alumni donors enough.”

Third Year Medicine Student

According to figures from an NUS* survey last year, more than 1 in 10 students are visiting food banks to help manage their living costs. Our Students’ Union (SU) team have recently set up a Food Bank to provide essential food items to the students most impacted by the rising cost of living. Alumni donations have provided funding for the rest of this term, but we are keen to ensure that students have continued access over the coming months.

*National Union of Students UK

By supporting our campaign, you could help cover costs of food items for the rest of the year, as well as giving students 24-hour access to food essentials, including fresh fruit and vegetables.

Tackling hygiene poverty

Hygiene poverty is a growing problem, with 3.1 million adults in the UK going without basic toiletries in the last year because they could not afford to buy them.*

This is why we have been working with The Hygiene Bank to collect a range of products for our students to choose and collect through a flexible booking system.

*According to The Hygiene Bank: Hygiene Poverty 2022 Summary Report

Making a single gift of £50 would provide deodorant, shampoo and shower gel for ten students

Be a part of this year's campaign

We hope you will pick up the phone and take a call from one of our students this year. We always enjoy hearing from our students about the inspiring and insightful conversations they have with our alumni, and our alumni often share how much they have enjoyed speaking with one of our current students and finding common interests.

“It was interesting to learn about our alumni’s experience at St George’s. I gained some useful insight into future careers, and it was fulfilling to know that donations to the campaign were going to a really good cause for fellow students.”

2022 Student Caller

Donating to our campaign will make a difference not only to our future alumni, but also to the patients who will benefit from the care and expertise of our next generation of healthcare professionals.

We hope you enjoy hearing from our students when they call and that you will consider supporting those students most in need to navigate these challenging times.

**Give to
St George’s**



If you’d like to find out more about the difference you can make by giving to St George’s, or would like to make a donation, visit sgul.ac.uk/giving



Keep in touch

We are always keen to hear from our alumni and would love to welcome you back onsite at St George's.

If you would like to update your details, find out about our benefits or speak to a member of the team about holding your own event or reunion, you can get in touch by phone or email.

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