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# Ripon Grammar School

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**Ripon Grammar School Parents' Association,  
Registered Charity number 1109915**

May 2017

Dear Parents, Students, Friends and School Supporters

## **The BHG ("Big Hamper Giveaway") Raffle 2017 and House Competition**

One of the Parents' Association's ("PA") major fundraisers for the School is the summer raffle. It is designed as an inter-house competition with tickets being sold by the students to their families and friends. Each ticket sold generates one House point. There will be a total of 16,000 tickets available, printed in the four House colours. Each student will be given 20 tickets to sell and may, of course, request more. So, thousands of House points to be won and lots of money raised to benefit all our children!

This year the theme is the "BHG", not the Big Horrible Giant, but the BIG Hamper Giveaway, comprising of a large number of superb themed hampers, including (but certainly not limited to), Days Out, Garden, Pets, "Pamper", Local Produce and Drink, Racing.....

As always, the prizes are tremendous and so far include donations from The Malt Shovel, The Academy, the Lucy Pittaway Art Gallery, Ripon and Thirsk Races, the Great Yorkshire Show and many more; further details are on the School website and the PA Facebook page. As there can never be too many prizes, if you wish to donate something to include in one of the hampers the PA would be delighted – just please send it into Mrs Kinread in reception.

Last year the PA donated over £11,000 to the School which made a real difference. In addition to running the school minibus, the PA have bought a bowling machine and covers for the cricket pitch, indoor hockey goals, rails and stands, an autoclave machine for the biology department, field study equipment for the geography department, cameras for Photography Club, electronic reading aids for learning enhancement and a full set of World Book Encyclopaedia to name but some of the items.

The draw for the raffle takes place on **Wednesday 5 July**. Please ensure all ticket money, and ticket counterfoils are returned to Mrs Kinread by **Tuesday 4 July**. Cheques should be made payable to RGSPA. Please encourage your children to sell their full allocation of tickets (and request more), and pass any unsold tickets to their friends to sell or return tickets to School. We thank you for your support in what we hope will be another successful fundraiser. Please buy as many tickets as possible and you may be a BHG winner!

Yours sincerely

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