



Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Governors

As you will be aware the School Development Fund is raising funds for numerous capital projects across the school, to enhance the excellent provision for our students that RGS aspires to provide. To facilitate this fund-raising effort across the school community, FRGS have offered to conduct an Auction of Promises on behalf of the school in the summer term.

Our focus will be on raising funds to go towards the kiln used in the Art department. The kiln needs replacing and is on borrowed time and without it the pottery aspect of Art, that all students across the entire school get to participate in, will be lost. A target of £6,000 needs to be raised to replace the kiln and we hope to contribute to this target.

The auction will be run electronically and allows for donations of gifts, promises or services to be auctioned off. Support from the RGS community can come in a variety of different forms: business support such as will writing services; free rental of a holiday home; tickets to events; food & beverages for hampers; vouchers for afternoon tea; gifts; pledges of time in services such as gardening; tutoring, offer of baking or even supply of, for purpose, logs. Inspiration of ideas can be taken from visiting the website of Auction of Promises. <https://auctionofpromises.com/>

As the community of RGS, if you or your company can pledge or donate a promise please contact FRGS who are implementing this auction on behalf of school. Please give a brief description of the promise, with value, and if possible, an image to support the write up for the site. Gifts can either be electronic or if tangible left in the main school reception.

Friends have asked that all promises are submitted by the end of this half term, **Friday 24th May**, so the auction can run in June.

Once the Auction of Promises is finalised, the link will be posted with a list of donors and promises for the school community to view. This can then be forwarded to extended family and friends to participate. If you wish to remain anonymous you can be listed as a 'parent of the school' for example. Please note that any winning bids will either be emailed electronically or need to be collected from school.

This is an exciting opportunity for the community of RGS to support the fund-raising campaign for the school, and as such we hope that you will be able to contribute.

Yours in anticipation

FRGS

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