



## RGS Development Fund

**Your February update - to date £63,277**

Dear Parents

Last time I wrote to you at the start of December our appeal was set to raise £50,730 by December 2024. Our current total has edged forward to £63,277 by February 2025 which is great news. This represents £36,626 in monthly giving and £26,651 in one off donations. We are at 42% of our target to raise £150,000 per annum.

**By way of reminder, I'd like to summarise the current critical situation.**

- **Government funding of RGS has increased by 1.5% for 2024-25.** This is not enough to sustain the school in its current operations. Cuts are already being made and may need to be made in the future. Grammar Schools are the lowest funded element of secondary education.
- **There is no school money for sports fixtures.** Travel is paid for by the parents who donate. A typical bus costs £350 or more per fixture to hire. If your son or daughter travels on a bus for a fixture it typically costs £20-25 per person. We have committed £20,000 from the fund for 2023-24 to support sports travel. When this money runs out we will have to cancel fixtures.

**In addition:**

- We have a number of projects we want to make to improve the quality of education on offer. The most important current project is the **£350,000 investment in IT**. You can read about the benefits of Phase One in RGS news: [Opening up a whole new world of learning \(ripongrammar.co.uk\)](https://www.ripongrammar.co.uk/news/opening-up-a-whole-new-world-of-learning) We have committed £25,000 from the fund to begin Phase Two this Easter. We could not do this work without this money. The Friends have committed £13,000 this year and hope to support in similar ways next financial year.
- We have raised £11,500 of the £20,000 needed **to rejuvenate the astro pitch**. Without this we cannot use it for sport - hockey in particular. We urgently need the remaining £8,500 to start the work as soon as possible.

**If every parent gave as little as £10 per month we could invest £150,000 p.a. in the school's fabric and resources. We have been here since 672 but we all need to invest in Ripon Grammar's future.**

**Please consider making a monthly donation - however small.**

Thank you so much to those parents who donate for the good of all and to those who now wish to do so and click on the QR code.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan Webb**

**Headmaster**



