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Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parents and Staff

The Friends of Ripon Grammar School are a charitable organisation which aims to raise funds for the school for projects and developments which might not ordinarily be achieved through the school's own funding arrangements. Over the years The Friends have raised many thousands of pounds which have had direct benefit for the students of this school. Current funds are earmarked largely to fund some material improvements in the geography department but over the years their support has covered such things as pool equipment, sound equipment and curtains in the hall, netball tops and art frames to name but a few. Not only that, their events and activities have also provided an important social forum for parents and friends.

At present The Friends exist in 'sleeper mode' after what has been a difficult two years of intermittent lockdown. Currently the position of Chair of The Friends is held by myself, with Mrs Hewison [pastoral support officer] as secretary and Mrs Balsdon [bursar] as treasurer. I feel that the time is now right to relaunch The Friends and hopefully hand over the officer positions to a new generation of parents; as a result, I am appealing to you all.

If you would like to join The Friends, are a current 'Friend', or just want to find out more, I intend to hold a meeting in school on Tuesday 2 November at 4:30pm to discuss through matters. If you would like to come along please email my PA, Mrs P Hargraves to confirm your attendance at hargravesp@ripongrammar.com

Jonathan M Webb
Headmaster