



RGS Development Fund

Annual Target: £150,000 p.a.



March 2026 Update

Dear Parents and Old Riponians

In November I wrote to you with an important update concerning our Development Fund appeal to raise £150,000 per year to support the school. Currently your monthly giving, with gift aid, totals £37,000 per year from 170 donors and we have also had some fantastic one-off donations. Thank you, as always, to those parents and Old Riponians who support the school in whatever way they can.

I thought you would like to know how we have allocated some of this money:

- **£12,000 for sports transport** without which no away fixture could be run. If your son or daughter benefits from sports fixtures please do consider making a donation.
- **£16,000 has been used to purchase the school minibus** outright so that we now have 2 school minibuses – one of which is hired. This will save money in the long term and will benefit all members of the community by allowing transport for school trips, DofE, fixtures, boarding activities etc.
- **£15,000 has been transferred to the school account to be part of a total investment of £35,000 for IT** upgrades next financial year – mainly new computers for students in the library and IT Suites to replace computers whose licenses are running out of date.

This is a significant and vital investment because the school's financial position remains extremely fragile. A 0.2% uplift in per pupil funding next year is necessitating restructuring of curriculum options from September to alleviate deficits. Sadly, government headlines concerning school investment conceal the fact that the allocation of such resources is uneven.

How can you help the school to secure its future while at the same time benefiting current students?

Here are some possible ways:

- A monthly donation of £10 per student, gift aided, would raise c£150,000 per year!
- A one-off gift which you might wish to be allocated to a particular part of school life.
- Sponsorship of equipment, kit or facilities.
- Knowledge about business grants or charitable funds the school can access to support its work.
- Leaving a legacy in your will to help the next generation.

What's more, it is *incredibly easy* to make a monthly or one-off donation:

Hover your phone over the QR code and you are then one tap away from the CAF online direct debit facility.

Thank you, on behalf of the students, if you can help in whatever way you can.

Jonathan Webb
Headmaster