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# Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parents

Last March I wrote to you concerning the **RGS Activities Fund**. As you know, this fund exists to provide money for non-core activities which the school undertakes which are ***not funded out of central government grants made for education***. These include travel costs for sporting fixtures, our hire of the school mini-bus, some costs of music and drama productions not met by ticket sales, general subsidies applied to trips to reduce costs for all and for individuals in hardship and, in addition, one-off purchases for 'nice to have' items such as picnic benches or the fees for such events as the Commemoration Service and Christmas Carol Concert in Ripon Cathedral. This Fund exists separate to the work undertaken by the Friends of Ripon Grammar School who also contribute towards school items, but it does ensure that every student benefits in some small way by allowing the school to run a rewarding and varied programme which I believe is a real strength of an RGS education.

Thank you to those who responded to my plea last year by making either one-off donations or setting up standing orders. However, our annual costs continue to exceed contributions. Last year, sports travel alone cost £16,420 and these costs are set to rise. At the present rate, we will be unable to organise this travel beyond 2024-5 as the fund will be exhausted. As a result, I am appealing once again to all parents to contribute to the Activities Fund to ensure we can continue to support the rich and varied co-curricular programme. I am aware that family finances are being eroded considerably, now more than ever, but I believe there has never been a more appropriate time to invest in the co-curricular opportunities of our students.

If you do wish to give, you can make a one-off donation or set up a regular monthly standing order. No matter how small the donation it would be gratefully appreciated – a minimum donation of £2 per month from every parent in the school would allow us to continue our current operations.

One-off donations can be made via Parent Pay – just click on the *Pay For Other Items* tab and determine the amount. More regular giving will allow us to plan ahead more effectively, so if you do want to set up a regular payment please complete the form found here, [Ripon Grammar School General Fund \(office.com\)](#) which also gives details on gift aid and the setting up of a standing order **which will need to be arranged with your bank.**

Please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of all our students if you currently make a monthly donation and to those who will now choose to make a donation on their behalf.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan M Webb**  
Headmaster