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Dear Parents

School Gardens

We all know the benefits of gardening both physically and mentally. Even if we don't want to put on wellies and weed or dig, the sight of flowers and evergreen structures must inspire every soul. Being a keen gardener myself, I have always wanted to find the time to develop areas of the school for the benefit of all the RGS community.

This year I have three teams of willing and enthusiastic sixth formers who have volunteered, as part of their Plus One sixth form programme, to do just that. I am excited by the prospect that they mean to start ongoing projects around the school site that successive teams will hopefully tender and develop over time. These include a colourful, communal spaces outside the Sixth Form Centre and Maths block with flowers, shrubs and some benches, flower beds in front of Bishopton House and plants along the drive leading up to Bishopton House. They would also like to encourage new havens for wildlife. Please see their individual letters attached with their ideas and plans.

If you wish to donate to these planting schemes by donating perennials you are now dividing in your garden, or with bags of compost, bulbs, bird feeders, or even benches, we can provide the tools and the encouragement. I will lend some advice as best I can.

Please bring your donations to the front of Bishopton House - labelled please so we know what they are! - by **Monday, 1 November**.

With thanks in anticipation for your support.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan M Webb
Headmaster