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Tuesday 30 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Celebrating our events

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are enjoying a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and important information with you.

Over the past few months, our students have participated in various significant events. I am pleased to share links to highlights and photos from these occasions:

- [Senior Prize Giving highlights](#)
- [Junior Prize Giving highlights](#)
- [Sports Awards highlights](#)
- [Sports Day highlights](#)

I invite you to visit our [Photo Gallery](#) to view the newly added photos from these events. I hope you enjoy these wonderful memories as much as we do!

Updated Privacy Notice

In our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and privacy of the Reading School Community, we have updated our Privacy Notice approved by the Governing Body. Please take a moment to review the updated notice by following this link: [Privacy Notice July 2024](#).

Contributing to the Life of the School

This period provides an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to consider how they might contribute to the enrichment of our programs and facilities to help us prepare for the next academic year. Your involvement and generosity are vital in helping us maintain a high standard of education and ensuring that our students have access to the best resources and opportunities. Together, we can create a thriving and supportive environment that benefits the entire school community. Here are some ways you can contribute:

- **Join the [Reading School Parents Association \(RSPA\)](#):** Collaborate with other parents to support school activities and initiatives;
- **Volunteer at school events:** Assist with organising and running events throughout the school year via the RSPA;
- **Share your expertise:** Offer to speak or present on topics of interest and careers during the academic year by way of Inspire Lectures, please email careers@reading-school.co.uk; and
- **Support school fundraisers:** Participate in or donate to school fundraising initiatives to enhance student opportunities, programmes and facilities.

Our '**Building for the Future**' Annual Fund, enables us to deliver an incredible wealth of opportunities beyond the curriculum. This fund facilitates an array of benefits for all our students:

- it enables students to enter national competitions;
- it finances transport and coaching for sports teams for the whole school;
- it ensures that all Year 7 students can learn a musical instrument;
- it provides Sixth Form students with inspirational preparation for university or apprenticeships;
- it guarantees that world-leading research underpins our curriculum and character programmes;
- it funds 'Inspire' Lectures that ensure career insights and guidance;

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- it underpins our 'Elective' and 'Floreat' programmes; and
- it funds the purchase of new equipment, materials and minor refurbishments.

I understand that every family's financial situation is different, and we are grateful for any voluntary contribution you can make. I presume nothing, but do hope you understand that even a small donation can go a long way in helping us provide the best possible education for your child. There are three ways you can join in partnership with us.

- If every family of a Year student were able to pledge **£1 per day** to help us '**Build for the Future**', we can continue to provide and extend the opportunities we currently have in place. £365 would replace all of our chess sets that have lost pieces, or replace match-day cricket balls for a whole season.
- A donation of **£50 a month** is enough to fund one weekly after-school club for one year group of students, for a whole year. It's enough to train a rugby coach or transport the debating team to the national finals in St Andrews. It's enough to provide all the resources for the year that our choir needs, or to replace a whole team's worth of lacrosse kits and goals.
- With aspirations to build a new sports hall in 2025, and improve Sixth Form and Expressive Arts facilities thereafter, some families might feel able to give a one-off capital donation. As an illustration, if half of the families in the school gave **£2000 this year**, we would be able to afford to renovate our drama studios and convert our Victorian attic into a theatre.

However much you can give, we will be hugely grateful for your help. All contributions are welcome, and even a small sum, given regularly, will make a significant difference to the school. Reading School is an academy with charitable status.

If you are able, we'd encourage you to consider setting up a Standing Order by clicking the link for [Reading School's bank details](#). Standing orders set up through your online banking avoid the **fees incurred through online platforms**. Please email development@reading-school.co.uk if you can arrange the above to enable us to track donations and thank you for your kind support.

If it is easier, you can make an online donation [here](#) via our Reading School Alumni Society site. Gift Aid is an invaluable source of 'extra' income. If you qualify, please complete the [online gift aid form](#).

May I finally remind you that Reading School is here to support those most vulnerable in the community through the [Reading School Promise](#). If you need any financial support to purchase a kit, uniform or stationery, you can contact [Tom Evans](#) (Assistant Head) to confidentially discuss any needs. Reading School aims to be a school of opportunity and success for all pupils, whatever their background, and we hope any families in financial difficulty will let us know how we can help.

I greatly appreciate any time and effort you can give to enrich our school community. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

For **Year 12 parents/carers** please can I also draw your attention to a free Future Learn course provided by the University of Reading – [A Parent and Supporter's Guide to University Entry](#) to help your young person make informed decisions over the summer.

With sincerest regards,

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