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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Reading School's 900th Anniversary – Sponsorship opportunities

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 academic year, I am excited to write to you regarding Reading School's 900th anniversary. There are very few institutions in the world that are older than we are, and we are immensely proud of our heritage. Our school was founded in Reading Abbey in 1125, and next year we will be marking this momentous occasion in many ways,

As we give thanks for our heritage, we aim to re-dedicate the School for the continuance of its mission. We hope our celebrations of the school's 900 year legacy will honour our past and inspire our current and future generations with continued opportunities. Therefore, I share with you the following and encourage you to share or support where possible:

1. We have a range of exciting events scheduled through 2024 and into 2026. Please **save some of these dates**. We'd love to see you at our Gala dinner or Community Festival.
2. There will be an **exceptional range of opportunities for students** in the School in 2025, from a potential Royal visit to enhanced alumni networking and inspirational keynote speakers. We hope students find this to be a time of profound opportunity.
3. We will be fundraising for **ambitious development** including the building of a new Sports Hall, improved Sixth Form space and Expressive Arts facilities. More details on this will follow in the Michaelmas Term.
4. We are actively seeking **sponsors for our programme of events** and would love to talk to any parents/carers whose **business links** might provide opportunities for mutual benefit. Please review our [900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsorship programme here](#), or share it with the appropriate person or department within your organisation. Partnering with Reading School, known for its rich culture and heritage, is a valuable opportunity. Funds raised will support the development of school facilities and student opportunities. For any sponsorship enquiries or to discuss a bespoke sponsorship approach, please contact Jas, Piatrice or Esther who are working through a part of the Summer at [development@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:development@reading-school.co.uk). We're open to feedback! If you have any other ideas for our anniversary, please do let us know.

I recognise that parents/carers play a crucial role in our community. Your support will enhance your child's experience during these celebrations and contribute significantly to our ongoing vision of providing an outstanding educational environment. I hope this brief introduction brings you up to speed with our plans and gives you a picture of the opportunity that our 900th anniversary provides. Together, we can ensure this milestone becomes a memorable and meaningful event for all our students and the school community.

Thank you once again for all your support and partnership. I wish you and your family a pleasant and restful remainder of the summer holidays.

With sincerest regards,

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