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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 7 and New Year 12 Parents Welcome Coffee Morning – Thank you

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to all of you who were able to attend our Year 7 and New Year 12 Welcome Coffee Morning on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you and I very much enjoyed the opportunity to introduce some of the key members of our staff who will be instrumental in supporting your child's journey at Reading School.

I'm sorry that not everyone was able to make this occasion, however, I am pleased to offer you a '*save the date*' for the next opportunity to meet at School, when we will be discussing our anniversary plans and our aspirations for the future of the site beyond our 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**For Year 7 parents this occasion is Monday 4th November at 6pm**

**For Year 12: Monday 11th November at 7:30pm**

During our coffee morning together on Tuesday, I shared a little of my own journey as a pupil at Reading School, and my focus since stepping into the role of Headmaster. May I reiterate my commitment to ensuring that every student at Reading School thrives, both academically and personally. I am confident that together, with your support, we can foster an environment where your sons will flourish, grow, and achieve their fullest potential.

At the end of our time together on Tuesday, many parents were able to speak with Mrs J Chhokar (Alumni, Careers and Society Manager) and the Society Office team, Mrs E Chong and Miss P Hutchinson. Several parents mentioned that we might not have been as clear as we could have been, in all the other communication, about the simplest way of supporting the school. If you are able, may I encourage you to support our **365 Annual Fund**? This plays a vital role in enhancing the resources and opportunities available to all.

Without this fund, we couldn't provide sports fixtures or orchestras, chess club or robotics activities, to name a few. Might you be able to pledge **£1 per day** of your child's life at Reading School? Donations to the **365 Annual Fund** can be made monthly (£30.50), quarterly (£91.25) or annually (£365). If you'd like to contribute in this way, the simplest method is to set up a Standing Order using the following details:

**Bank:** Lloyds TSB  
**Account Name:** Reading School Charitable Fund  
**Sort Code:** 30-67-99  
**Account No.** 40733560  
**Reference:** 365 Pupil name

Standing orders set up through your online banking avoid the **fees incurred through online platforms**. Please email [development@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:development@reading-school.co.uk) if you can arrange the above to enable us to track donations and thank you for your kind support.

For those who prefer a quick online process please **scan the QR code below** to donate to the [Annual Fund 365 - Building for the Future](#).



Whether through volunteering, providing feedback, offering ideas, helping us fundraise or participating in school events, your contributions are invaluable to the continued success of our school and its students. We really couldn't sustain what we do without your partnership. I am therefore pleased to thank each parent who joined us on Tuesday, and all of those who were able to contribute to the student local charity of the year, the [Royal Berkshire Charity](#).

Thank you again for taking the time to be with us and for the ongoing trust you have placed in Reading School. I look forward to getting to know more of you throughout the year and seeing your son's journey unfold.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chris Evans'.

**Chris Evans**  
**Headmaster**