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21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

### **Building an Even Better Reading School**

Further to my welcome letter, sent out at the beginning of term, I would like to sincerely thank all those that have already responded with kind donations to “Building an Event Better Reading School” as well as those that have completed the online form below offering to support the school in other ways.

Our ethos is to encourage learning outside the classroom, in order to enhance and enrich the school experience and to ensure we achieve our aim of developing Academic Excellence and Building Good Men. To this end, co-curricular activities are of paramount important and we currently offer the following:

Over 50 weekly clubs for pupils at lunch-time and after-school, including sports, music, arts and other clubs ranging from Chess, Philosophy, Warhammer to Robotics, Coding, Language and STEM clubs. These activities allow pupils the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, innovation and excellence, and also to develop leadership, self-reliance and service. These activities and clubs are provided on a voluntarily basis by teachers and sixth formers. This list is always evolving, as we try to meet pupil demand.

Some clubs that are provided by external agencies require separate payment such as Duke of Edinburgh Award, Fencing, Lacrosse, LAMDA and Drama.

A series of ‘Inspire Lectures’ provided throughout the academic year are generously supported by a Reading School Alumnus. These give our pupils the chance to hear leading voices from the worlds of science, politics, business, career pathways and education. We offer talks, lectures and seminars to our pupils - and occasionally to the wider community.

Leadership opportunities through ‘Future Stories’, our mentoring partnership with local primary schools, where our sixth form students help to raise attainment and expectations with disadvantaged children.

Outstanding support for UCAS applications in the sixth form from our dedicated sixth form team including Oxbridge and medical mock interviews.

Crucially, it is through partnership with parents and alumni that, in recent years, our pupils have been successful in National Science, Maths and Language Olympiads; have represented the UK internationally in Biology, Geography and public speaking; have demonstrated regional prowess in rugby, football and cricket; have performed in international concerts; and have been crowned chess and badminton national champions.

Our co-curricular programme aims to develop skills, experiences and self-reliance, allowing our pupils to pursue their passions, recognise and develop their own interests, face challenges and grow new interests.

If you haven’t already done so and would you like to, there are three ways you can join in partnership with us. Please consider supporting us in any of the following ways:

- Would you consider pledging £1 per day to help us build an even better school to continue to provide the co-curricular opportunities we currently have in place and go some way to improving our facilities?

A suggested donation of £30 a month or £365 a year would make a huge difference to extend their

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education beyond the classroom. We know that every student benefits from the 'Building an Even Better School Annual Fund', and hope you can see how integral it is to our provision of a world class education. We appreciate that not everyone is in the same financial situation, therefore however large or small, all contributions are welcome.

- If you are in a position to consider a gift towards a specific campaign we would be delighted to talk further. In the next four years we hope to raise £10 million to create a Sixth Form Centre, Maths Centre and improve Sport, Art, Drama and Music facilities. Any contribution to this fundraising drive, however large or small, will be of direct benefit to your son and future pupils. If you are in a position to make a pledge or a one-off donation we would love to talk further.
- We have a wealth of advice and expertise offered to our pupils through our parent and alumni community, as well as local businesses. If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with providing a careers talk in your chosen profession or career path; being a delegate at our Careers Convention in January 2019 or offering our Year 12 students work placements through your connections, please complete the link here: [Parent volunteers](#).

You can make contributions on a monthly or annual basis, by cheque, standing order or cash. Please click on the link to the [Donation Form](#) and return it to the Development Office. For greater flexibility, if you would prefer to arrange the standing order through your own online banking please see details below:

Bank: Lloyds TSB  
Account name: Reading School Charitable Fund  
Sort Code: 30-67-99  
Account No. 40733560  
Reference: 365 and your son's name

Once you have set up the standing order I would be grateful if you could complete the form by clicking on the following link, by way of confirmation and enabling us to track payments: [365 Building an Even Better Reading School](#).

Also, for the first time, we are piloting receiving donations via Scopay, if you would like to make your payment via Scopay please ensure you complete the gift aid form available on Scopay.

If you would prefer to speak to a member of staff about making your donation, please do get in touch directly with me or Mrs Jas Chhokar, Society Manager at [development@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:development@reading-school.co.uk)

I hope you will feel inspired to support the School by giving a donation to help sustain and develop this culture. Gifts of all sizes help us give our students the best experience.

I look forward to working together with you all in maximising opportunities for your son to flourish.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Robson  
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