



DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER ISSUE 5

Letter from the Director of Development

It is with enormous pleasure that this issue of the Development Newsletter marks the completion of the building work associated with Phase I of the Shaping Our Destiny campaign. After a few years of planning, fundraising, further planning and a rather leaky roof, the new Maths Classrooms, Mezzanine Sixth Form area, toilets and Departmental resource area are completed! Pupils, staff, the Headmaster and I are continually overwhelmed by the generosity of our supporters without whom this project would not have been possible. We thank you all wholeheartedly for your gifts to the Campaign and hope that you are as pleased with the achievement as we are.

Phase I has cost over £500,000.00 and all of the funds were provided by donations to the Destiny fund. It shows to all who pass through the doors of RGS the power and capability of a community whose collective mind is set towards providing for the future of education at RGS.

We are therefore at a halfway point in the building work. The Governors and Trustees of the School are working hard towards securing a start date for Phase II to begin. Phase II will entirely transform **the Sports facilities we currently provide pupils and visiting sports teams by the creation of two 'wet' Changing Rooms** with direct access to our Swimming Pool, new Changing facilities for all teams with showers and also toilets for visitors and match supporters. No current Changing Room will remain untouched. A second floor will be added above the current footprint of the Changing Rooms which will house a dedicated Fitness Suite and further Changing Rooms. On this floor will also be a gallery area so that parents and visitors have views across the School Field.

This second Phase is likely to cost up to £900,000.00. In the last newsletter I mentioned we required a further £500,000.00 to be able to build these much-needed facilities. We are now looking at raising the last £450,000.00 towards the Destiny campaign. The sooner we raise this remaining sum, the quicker we can set to work with the renovations! I hope that parents considering supporting the Campaign are encouraged by the success of Phase I and pass on the message that our pupils are at the heart of what we do. Providing them with the best will mean we can ensure all pupils stretch their already incredible potential and explore the opportunities available to them in the best facilities.

I encourage you all to support this worthwhile endeavour. Watching the boys' expressions at the new facilities Phase I has given them is all the confirmation I need to know that we need to keep up the good work!

Isabella Eastham

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Director of Development

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Shaping Our Destiny Phase I: DONE!

Parents, pupils and staff alike will be delighted to know that Phase I of the Campaign Building Work, to build 3 new Maths classrooms, toilets, a mezzanine Sixth Form study area and teaching offices is now complete and ready for use! The Maths classrooms are being fitted out with furniture, which includes smart boards and new projectors and can seat a full class of 32 pupils each. Excitingly this means that for the first time, the Maths Department have an enclosed suite of rooms and large work space for their teaching materials.

The Mezzanine Sixth Form area, is a large space for private study with lots of natural light and a Head of Year office so that the pupils can have immediate access to their pastoral mentor when required.

Furniture for this space has very generously been paid for by the RGSPA and will be available for pupil use in September.



Phase I: The Road to Renewal in Pictures



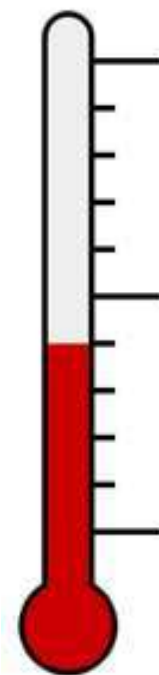
3 Peaks Challenge Update: 5 Days to Go!

On Sunday 22 May, staff members participating in the 3 Peaks Challenge took part in an 18km Training Day to see just who could pass the fitness test on a gentle rolling hill walk..

If you would like to donate to the RGS Staff's 3 Peaks Challenge, there is a JustGiving webpage which can be found at <http://www.justgiving.com/RGSHW>

Alternatively, you can text RGSH01 followed by your donation amount (£1—£10) to 70070 to contribute! This service is free and you can even collect Gift Aid by ticking the box on the return text you will receive.

Every penny counts towards providing bereaved families with the support they need.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23 June 2011
Year 7 Information Evening

Wednesday 29 June 2011
Campaign Garden Party

Thursday 30 June 2011
Golf Day & Dinner

Wednesday 6 July 2011
Duncan Moore Memorial Cricket Match

Saturday 17 September 2011
OW Dinner

Thursday 19 October 2011
RGS in the City, Wax Chandlers' Hall

Information about these events can be found on the RGS website and by calling the Development Office on 01494 551428.

450 Years in 2012

To celebrate this milestone in RGS history, 450 years of having a Royal Charter from Queen Elizabeth I, we have some events planned as follows:

- Tudor Day for Year 7
- Victorian Day for Year 8
- WWI & II Day for Year 9
- 450 Lecture for Sixth Form
- Thanksgiving Service for whole school
- Charter Day (18 July 2012) for all
- Gala Ball

We are constantly adding activities to the list, if you would like to join the 450 Committee to help us plan a magnificent celebratory year, do get in touch with Isabella Eastham, Director of Development by emailing your ideas to ime@rgshw.com

SHAPING OUR DESTINY RESPONSE FORM

The last £450,000.00 for Phase II!

Please tick one (or more) of the following and return to the Development Office via the School Office or to the postal address at the end of the form.

- Please send me more information about the Campaign's progress, including plans of the new buildings.
- I enclose a cheque for £_____ in support of the Campaign.
- Please send me a Direct Debit mandate form to set up a monthly gift to the Campaign.
- Please send me more information about corporate sponsorship of classrooms in the new buildings.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- I am a UK taxpayer and would like to claim Gift Aid on this and all future donations to the Campaign.

Thank you for your support.

Please send the completed form to RGS Development Office, Royal Grammar School, Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 6QT