



FOUNDATION NEWS

RATCLIFFE COLLEGE FOUNDATION | SPRING 2018

The Ratcliffe College Foundation was established in July 2011. The Foundation is a registered charitable organisation, through which supporters of Ratcliffe College can make financial gifts to ensure the continued development of opportunities and facilities for pupils now and in the future.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I walk around the College campus, I am constantly reminded of improvements to the facilities that have been provided by very generous gifts over the years from our supporters; the Music Hall, the Science Block and the Sports Hall to name but a few.

More recently of course, we have seen the establishment of a magnificent new Preparatory School along with a host of new sporting facilities including a second flood-lit hockey pitch, a synthetic running track and two further netball courts.

This term, some work has already started on the re-development of The Square into a beautifully designed quiet space in the heart of the College. This project will be the focal point of our on-going work to promote positive emotional health and will be a place where students and staff can find some peace away from their otherwise busy school days. Additionally, as part of our on-going strategic plan, later this summer we will commence building work on a two-storey fitness suite to complement the existing sports hall and our wonderful pitches; a place where our sportsmen and women can develop their own personal fitness and help them reach their sporting potential.

School fees alone do not allow for immediate investment in all the improvements in facilities that we want to see at Ratcliffe for the children. The aforementioned projects have been enabled because of the generous support from current and past parents, along with loyal support from our wonderful alumni. I know I am not alone in passing on my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the College with a donation – *thank you so much.*



As we look to the future, and our next phase of fundraising, we would very much like to increase our Bursary Fund. I believe it is fundamental to the ethos of the College that we create more opportunities for bright, talented and deserving children from a variety of backgrounds who may benefit from, and add value to our College.

As a community of Ratcliffe supporters, it is essential that we continue to give back, when we can, in order to provide not only for our own children but for future generations attending Ratcliffe. If you have not previously made a financial commitment to support the Ratcliffe College Foundation, I would ask you to consider doing so now, as a sign of your support. All gifts, whatever their value are gratefully received but recurring donations are particularly welcome, as they enable us to plan for the future.

Thank you and best wishes for the summer ahead,

Mr Jon Reddin
Headmaster

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

SIXTH FORM BURSARY FUND

In the past year, support for our Bursary Fund from our alumni and parent supporters has been incredible.

In 2016/17, Sixth Form Bursaries received new donations to the value of **£59,364** which was generously raised by alumni along with the parents of Year 13 Leavers (Year 13 Leavers' Fund). This latter scheme asks each departing family of a Year 13 student to consider donating some, or all of their entrance deposit, towards our Sixth Form Bursary Fund. In turn, this helps to provide funding for a future student coming into our Sixth Form and, whom, without financial support would not be able to attend Ratcliffe. We aim to continue this revolving-door appeal each year with the aim that successive Year 13 Leavers will create a lasting legacy to benefit future Ratcliffians.

So far in 2017/18, through the generous support of our donors, we have raised **£32,238** towards our Sixth Form Bursaries Fund and we shall be looking to continue to build upon this as we enter the Summer Term and Phase Two of our **Ratcliffe 2020 Campaign**.

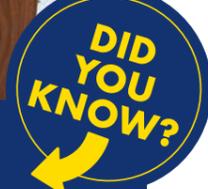


REFECTORY CHAIR APPEAL

Many alumni and parents sponsored chairs as part of the Refectory Chairs Appeal, securing their family name as part of Ratcliffe's history.

The appeal, which ran last year, **raised over £22,000**. The money raised was split between the Sports Appeal (new Fitness Suite) and the Bursary Fund.

Although the Refectory Chair Appeal has closed, any donors who give £1,000pa or more to our Ratcliffe2020 Appeal, will be entitled to have their name engraved in a Refectory chair whilst we still have availability - so please get in touch if you would like to have your family name, or the name of a loved one, live on at Ratcliffe.



The Refectory chairs, along with some new oak tables, make up the 'new' end of the Refectory, which was completed with oak panelling to match the 'old' end just over 12 months ago.

With over 800 students and 200 staff, the Refectory expansion was much needed. The 'Ref' can now accommodate over 250 people in one sitting and our catering team today provide lunches for over 1,000 people each day!



RATCLIFFE GOLF DAY THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The inaugural Ratcliffe Golf Day attracted over 60 golfers and was held at Rothley Park Golf Club amidst beautiful, autumn sunshine.

A big thank you to all those parents who participated, sponsored or organised a team on the day. Through this generosity, the event managed to raise **£4,000** towards the Ratcliffe2020 Sports Appeal.

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Golf Day will be held on Friday 14th September 2018 and will be a shotgun start.

RATCLIFFE 2020: BURSARY APPEAL



Ratcliffe has always provided a great sense of community, believing that, where possible, we should help and support those who are less fortunate than ourselves. That is why we are very proud to announce that we have launched a fundraising appeal to help increase our Bursary provision, with an initial emphasis on providing enhanced Sixth Form Bursaries.

Bursaries can be transformational. They help to change young peoples' lives and help to unlock students' greatest potential.

We believe that, by helping students who demonstrate immense potential, but who cannot afford to attend Ratcliffe without support, we are living-out the College's motto **Legis - Plenitudo - Charitas**.

Mr Andrew Yell
Foundation Director

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Over the last two years, and thanks to the generous support of a number of Old Ratcliffians and Year 13 parents, we have been able to provide significant bursarial support to students who have joined our outstanding Sixth Form community from local maintained schools and who, without the enhanced bursary support, would not have been able to attend Ratcliffe.

"Having witnessed first-hand the difference this opportunity can make to the students, and in turn what the students can contribute to the life of Ratcliffe, we want to increase the level of support that we are able to offer to deserving students, which is why the Ratcliffe 2020 Bursary Appeal has my full support."

Mr Jon Reddin
Headmaster

"Whilst Ratcliffe provides an excellent academic environment, it also offers a range of social and physical activities which have truly made me feel part of the College community from the start."

Current Sixth Former Bursary Recipient

"My gratitude for this bursary is profound, as it enables me to push myself further and to strive to go to one of the major universities after completing my A Levels."

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HOW CAN I HELP?

We want to do more but we need your support. It currently costs over £15,000 per year to educate a day student at Ratcliffe College, and almost twice that for a full-time boarder. Therefore, to provide 100%* bursary support to just one day-student for two years during their Sixth Form studying A Levels will require recurring gifts of:

- 3 people giving **£5,000** each per year
- 15 people giving **£1,000** each per year
- 50 people giving **£25** each per month per year



HELP US TO TRANSFORM LIVES BY SUPPORTING THE RATCLIFFE 2020 BURSARY APPEAL

*All bursaries are strictly means-tested and we only provide 100% bursaries in a few exceptional cases.

LEGACIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE COLLEGE

Ratcliffe College would not have existed if it had not been for the generosity and dedication of our original benefactors and our founder, Fr Anthony Rosmini. Since the very early days we have received many gifts and bequests and these have made significant contributions helping to make the College what it is today.

Over the past 12 months we have been very fortunate to receive three generous bequests, **totalling £6,500**, a valuable contribution to our Bursary Fund, to open up doors to a Ratcliffe education for children from families who otherwise would not have been able to afford it.

“Leaving a legacy to the Ratcliffe College Foundation is one of the most powerful ways in which you can help future Ratcliffians benefit from all the opportunities that a Ratcliffe education has to offer. If you have already, or intend to, include Ratcliffe College Foundation in your Will, it would be helpful for you to let us know, so that we may thank you properly and recognise your support during your lifetime.”

Andrew Yell
Foundation Director

LEGACY LUNCH

We are planning a Legacy Lunch at the College in the Autumn Term, at which we would love to host as many of our legacy supporters as possible. If you have nominated Ratcliffe as a beneficiary in your Will, or are planning to do so, then *please contact* Mr Andrew Yell (Foundation Director) on AYell@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk or by telephone on **01509 817000**.



GDPR AND OUR PROMISE TO YOU

In line with the upcoming data legislation changes with regards to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we wanted to assure you that the Ratcliffe College Foundation, in close collaboration with the College and the Ratcliffian Association, follows strict procedures around data handling and storage.

Please be reassured that we treat the information we hold on our alumni, donors, friends and supporters securely, highly confidentially, and we will always respect your wishes and rights. If you'd like to read our updated Data Protection Policy, or wish to change the way in which we contact you, please email us at foundation@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk or visit our website www.RatcliffeCollegeFoundation.com

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