

# Foundation News

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Reading this year's Old Ratcliffian Magazine, it was heart-warming to hear about so many Old Ratcliffians on the front-line against the coronavirus, as well all those who have been doing outstanding work in their local communities. As a result of seeing just how many OR's are doing such amazing things, we would like to support those ORs who are still today going above and beyond and still battling to help those in need as a consequence of covid-19. Last year we ran an appeal called "Helping Hands" with the aim of helping Ratcliffians, young and old, who were involved in making PPE and helping their communities. By the time we closed the appeal the urgency for PPE and sanitiser had subsided, but in the meantime ORs had raised over £2,000. This money is still in need of disbursement to deserving causes related to the pandemic and we would like ORs to help us decide where it should go.

## **Covid – Relief Funding for YOUR Community...**

We are inviting all Old Ratcliffians reading this article to nominate people or places which might benefit from a grant of between £100-£500 from this fund. It may be that you know of a local community project specifically helping those in need during this time, or a charity, a foodbank or local heroes who may need to buy equipment. In short, anything that is related to easing the misery caused by the pandemic that you are involved with.

Please complete the Google form [here](#) to let us know who you would like to nominate and why (maximum request of £500). The deadline is **5pm Monday 22nd February**. We will then enlist the help of our Ratcliffian Association Sixth Form Ambassadors to help to choose the most deserving projects and arrange the distribution of funds accordingly. If you are struggling to complete the form, or have any queries, please contact us via email [here](#).

## **Supporting Sixth Formers - Careers Development Competition**

Thanks to a generous donation from an OR last year we were able to fund a new initiative to support Sixth Formers as they explored career opportunities. The Careers Development Competition allowed Year 12 students the opportunity to bid for a share of a £1,000 towards their career development. Whilst the competition offered the chance to win a share of the funding, it also enabled both the careers office and subject tutors to guide and enlighten all keen students on how to best develop their current profile and to consider opportunities that may give them an advantage for forthcoming applications to university, roles post Ratcliffe and for students to develop their employability skills in the process.

The competition was a great success and we are seeking a sponsor to support this year's Competition. If you or your company are interested in supporting this project then please email us at [ayell@ratcliffecollege.com](mailto:ayell@ratcliffecollege.com). For more information on last year's event and winners please see the December 2020 Foundation newsletter.

## **Encouraging "Big Ideas"**

In January the School launched their latest promotional video which was composed around the notion of "Encouraging Big Ideas" – which stems back to our Rosminian heritage, to *pensare in grande* (think big) in all our endeavours and set our sights high in seeking truth and purpose in our learning. We hope you like it. You can see the film and more information about it by clicking the video below.



## **THANK YOU**

And finally, a great big thank you to all our donors, past and present – for your continued support and loyalty to Ratcliffe College. In the next edition of Foundation News, we hope to show you the new donor wall in the Fitness Suite which is almost complete, bar some installation work on the ground floor. We are extremely grateful to all Old Ratcliffians who supported us with a gift in the most recent appeals and of course to those who support us with regular gifts. We look forward to the time when we are able to welcome Old Ratcliffians back to Ratcliffe, once again.