



RATCLIFFE COLLEGE FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION NEWS - SPRING 2022

Ukrainian Crisis Appeal - update

We have had a wonderful response since we launched the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal, and thanks to the generous support of Old Ratcliffians and parents the appeal has raised just over £15,000 so far. This, when doubled thanks to our benefactor's matched funding, takes the amount raised to over £30,000, and helps us on the way to reaching our £40,000 initial goal. Thank you to all those who have been able to support this crisis appeal.

Our hope is that this money will allow us to support one or two Ukrainian families with school-age children, to provide much needed support with their re-location, food, and secure accommodation over the next couple of years, possibly with education here at Ratcliffe and helping them to settle into a safer life either here in Leicester or elsewhere.

We still need to raise another £5,000 if we are to hit our initial goal so, if you've not yet donated, please consider supporting the appeal now.

<https://www.ratcliffianassociation.co.uk/g/ukrainian-crisis-appeal>

DONATED ITEMS FROM THE RATCLIFFE COMMUNITY

In addition to our financial appeal, Ratcliffe students, staff and parents have come together to donate much-needed items which are being boxed up by our Chaplaincy Team and taken to the Leicester Ukrainian Community Centre, where they will then be delivered to the Polish/Ukrainian border.



UKRAINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Supporting Big Ideas - Thank You

Back in December we launched the 'Supporting Big Ideas' fundraising appeal to Old Ratcliffians, with a focus on supporting Bursaries. The appeal so far has raised £9,600 and we would like to thank all the Old Ratcliffians who have supported this appeal. Bursaries require on-going funding and the regular donations of ORs are an important aspect to this important fundraising - thank you.

As part of 'Support Big Ideas', we also launched to parents, focusing support on mid-sized projects within School which benefit current students in a more immediate way, enabling them to go ahead sooner than they might otherwise.

I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation this year, and in particular, I would like to mention the Parents' Association, who have generously committed over £20,000 to the appeal. This money will now allow us to undertake a number of mid-sized projects over the coming months: including refurbishing the Recording Studio for the benefit of the Music and Media Studies students; provide a new floor for the Theatre stage; and to provide an outdoor classroom space with environmental monitors for the Nursery and Prep School pupils.

In addition, we have also been able to provide a new Van de Graaf generator for our Physics students, thanks to a generous one-off donation from a member of the Science staff.

Supporting Big Ideas is an on-going appeal and we still have some projects which are yet to receive funding. One of these is a new rugby scrum machine (sled).



The old scrum machine is very dated, having not been replaced for 20 years. In that time some excellent new scrum 'sleds' have been developed which are much better designed to help improve scrummaging technique, an important aspect for player safety. A new scrum 'sled' would cost £2,500 but will be of huge benefit to the rugby programme at school.

If you would like to support this, or to find out what other projects we are supporting this year, then please see the link below. Thank you.

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