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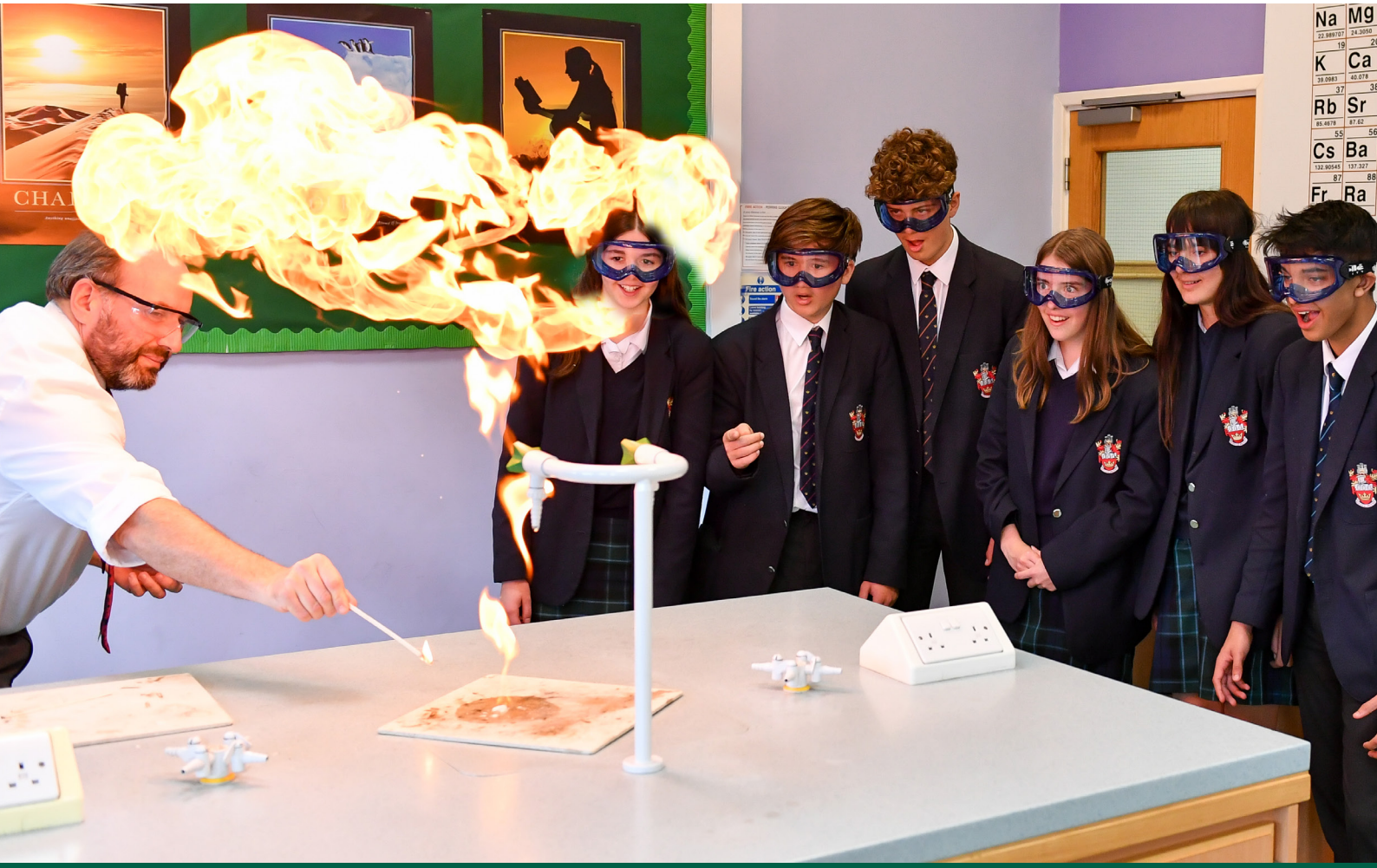
RGS BURSARY CAMPAIGN
CHANGE A LIFE



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Since before 1291, RGS Worcester has proudly educated the children of the City. In its capacity as the Grammar School and subsequently under the Grant Maintained and Assisted Places schemes, thousands of young people over the years have experienced an RGS education for free.

In one way or another therefore, throughout history, RGS has always been a School for the City of Worcester; a School for all. Those government subsidised financial assistance schemes ended some years ago and the School has been successfully independent for nearly 40 years. Social inclusivity is at the heart of our heritage and is central to our future vision to widen access to the School. We are committed to RGS Worcester being a place for any young person who would thrive here, irrespective of social or economic background.

Since 2012, more than £5m has supported life-changing bursaries at RGS. Currently there are 100 pupils in receipt of financial assistance. We would not be where we are today if it were not for the support of our donors from all corners of the RGS community.

Our ambition is to have 1 in 4 pupils attending RGS thanks to bursarial support, returning to the level of assistance available at the School under the Assisted Places scheme. We need your help to realise this ambition. In giving a gift to the RGS bursary appeal, you will transform a young person's life and enable them to fulfil their potential.

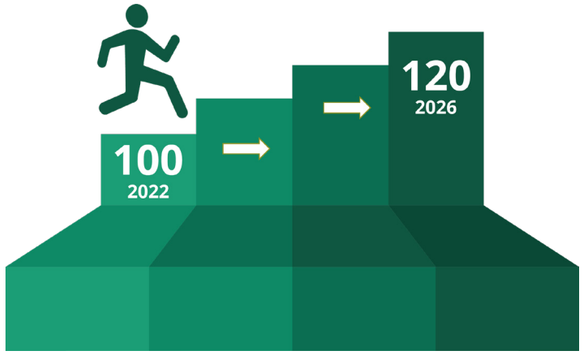
John Pitt, Headmaster and Tim Curtis, Chair of the Foundation

OUR VISION

By 2041, coinciding with the School's 750th anniversary, we would like to provide bursarial support for at least 1 in 4 pupils, ensuring RGS remains accessible to all in its community.

OUR 2026 GOAL

By 2026 we aim to be funding 120 pupils with bursarial support



LIVES CHANGED BY BURSARIES

Felix Haynes (2012-19)

With bursarial support Felix Haynes was able to attend RGS where he thrived academically and made the most of the extensive co-curricular opportunities. Felix was appointed Head Boy, was President of the Debating Society, achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, and was a keen rower.

While at RGS, Felix secured a prestigious RANK Foundation Leadership Award, and a place to read History and Political Science at the University of Cambridge.

"RGS gave me the freedom to express myself and realise my potential...none of this would have been possible without the bursary I received during my time at the School."

Megan Wang (2013-21)

Megan excelled academically at RGS and contributed extensively to school life through her passion for Music. She achieved 3 A*s at A Level and a Diploma in Piano and is now studying Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College London.

"RGS has had a great impact on my life through its strong sense of community and I appreciate the many opportunities I had. This would not have been possible without the bursary I received."

Tristan Lewis (1988-95)

Tristan thoroughly enjoyed his time at RGS but an unexpected change in family circumstances meant that the fees suddenly became prohibitive. Bursary support ensured his continuity of education at RGS. Tristan went on to read Law and is now a Senior Associate at MFG Solicitors in Worcester.

"I was grateful at the time and very aware that the bursary made a huge difference to my parents who until then had afforded the fees. RGS helped to shape my life by encouraging me to work hard and to aim high. Without that bursary at such a critical time I would have left the School prematurely and may not have achieved the grades necessary to pursue my legal career. Looking back I am even more grateful now."

Sarah Blomfield (1982-89)

Sarah (nee Hartley) Blomfield and her siblings all attended The Alice Ottley School and RGS as Assisted Places Scheme pupils. On leaving school, Sarah read History at Newnham College, Cambridge, before forging an impressive legal career in the City. After a spell as a Managing Director at Rothschild Bank, Sarah is now Europe, Asia and the Middle East general counsel at Evercore. Sarah has also been featured in The Guardian as one of ten women changing the face of the City.

"My siblings and I were only able to attend the School due to the Assisted Places Scheme. I had a wonderful education, characterised by good teachers who pushed us to be the best we could be. The experience has given me the confidence to make the most of any and all opportunities."

OUR SUPPORTERS

Fasha Mahjoor (1967-72)
Honorary Patron of RGS Worcester

"My years at RGS made me who I am today. It is my duty to support the School as my way of acknowledging that."

Ian (1945-54) and Maggie Carmichael

"My time at RGS undoubtedly helped shape my future path, and both my wife and I want to help other children who would otherwise be unable to attend the school by sponsoring bursaries."

Fiona Coles (1980-87)

"An Assisted Place enabled me to complete my Sixth Form studies at the Alice Ottley School during a difficult time for my family. This is why I donate to bursaries, it is my way of repaying a debt of gratitude."

David Timmington (1985-92)

"Having an education is a human right, having a good education is a privilege, and my contribution to the bursary fund is my way of giving back as a thank you for everything RGS has done for me and my children."

WAYS TO DONATE

By donating to the RGS bursary campaign, you have the power to change a life. No matter the size, each and every gift will make a difference.

Regular Donations
Giving regularly is an affordable way to contribute and make a lasting impact.

Funding a bursary is equivalent to:

£20
per month from 63 donors

£50
per month from 25 donors

£100
per month from 13 donors

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Single Gifts
Single gift donations to the bursary campaign are always gratefully received.

Gift Aid
You can increase your contribution by gift-aiding your donation. Higher rate tax payers can considerably increase their gift and also claim additional relief via their Self-Assessment tax return.

Legacies
Whilst you may not be in a position to donate to the bursary fund now, you may consider leaving a legacy bequest. We would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Other
To further discuss tax-efficient giving or other types of gifts, for example by shares, property, company match giving or from abroad, please do contact us.

Online – You can set up a regular or single gift online www.rgswandaos.foundation/supportus

Post – If you would like to set up a donation via post, please use the enclosed form.

Phone or Email – We would be more than happy to discuss your giving. Please call Scott MacDonald 01905 613391 or email foundation@rgsw.org.uk

“A bursary can be genuinely life changing, and it is incredibly important that those with the ability to make the most of RGS are not locked out by financial barriers.”

bursary recipient

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