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Dear Parents,

*Welcome to the Friends of RGS Music!
RGS Jazz Evening: Thursday 4 October at 7.30pm*

The Committee of the RGS Friends of Music would like to invite you to a Welcome to RGS Jazz Evening! on Thursday 4 October at 7.30pm in the Queen's Hall.

The evening will enable all newcomers to the school to get an idea of what the Friends of RGS Music and the RGS Music Department itself do, at the same time as hearing some splendid jazz from various RGS jazz bands. Jazz is very strong at RGS, with our Big Band appearing regularly at the National Festival in Birmingham and our Trad Jazz Bands being much in demand for functions, so you are guaranteed a very pleasant musical evening! There will also be a report on the musical year just past, with pointers to the future. The event is FREE and all are welcome on the door.

The Friends have two main aims – to give moral and financial support to the Music Department, and to organize special events, such as the spectacular performance of Verdi's Requiem in All Saints Church, High Wycombe, and the occasional celebrity concert. We do encourage all families who have boys learning a musical instrument or who take part in the choir to sign up and join the Friends – all money raised goes straight to help the boys in improved facilities or specialist workshops. There are different ways in which you can help:

- By simply being a member, making an annual donation of £25 or any greater amount you wish!*
- By being on the list of helpers to help with coffee etc. at concerts, which boosts the funds*
- By being a committee member (about 5 meetings a year), helping to organise events. NB You do not need to be musical to serve on the FOM Committee – just have an enthusiasm for supporting the boys in their music-making.*

The main musical events this term are as follows:

- *Wednesday 17 October Autumn Recital RGS*
- *Thursday 22 November November Showcase RGS*
- *Monday 10 December Carol Service All Saints Church, High Wycombe*

We would be very glad if you felt you could help in any way. In any case, we would be delighted to see you at the Welcome Jazz Evening on Thursday 4 October and look forward to seeing you at musical events throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

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