



## **Friends of Cricket welcome you to the Summer term at RGS High Wycombe and the long-awaited return of the cricket season!**

We are very excited this year to welcome our year 7 and year 8 boys who have yet to step out onto the wicket for the school and, of course, to Mr Fletcher, who joined the school as Head of Cricket a few weeks before the pandemic struck and is itching to get a few overs of cricket played.

The Easter Holidays and relaxing of the Covid rules allowed us to run our very successful first cricket camps with our coaching partners Future Legends, attended by over 140 boys who enjoyed lots of cricket amongst the sun, snow and wind. This was followed by a 3-day tour to Haileybury for the senior cricket team, with 18 boys representing the school in our first matches since July 2019.

We have lots to look forward to in the summer term, kicking off with a week of internal matches, Cricket Week from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, including our annual MCC Fixture on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, our inaugural Cricket Awards, as well as plenty of fixtures and training.

### **Friends of Cricket – what do we do?**

At Friends of Cricket, our primary role is to support the cricket programme by fundraising to ensure we can provide excellent cricket for all, as well as communicating, via our year group reps, to parents throughout the season.

The programme of cricket at RGS costs in the region of £15,000 a year to run, with the costs covering coaches to support training during games sessions and after school training, match costs, transport to fixtures, training kit, cricket teas etc. As a state funded school, financial resources are limited and without the financial support of parents we would not be able to run the programme.

### **What are we fundraising for?**

Our aim is to not only provide support for the annual running costs but to also look to the future and improve and add to the resources we have currently. Therefore, this year we are also fundraising to replace the indoor mats, allowing the boys to experience better quality year-round facilities, and to replace our very ancient scoreboard that has been in situ for the past 17 years.

### **How can you help?**

Funds are raised through annual subscriptions, one off donations, sponsorship and fundraising events such as the Bat Oar Ball (16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Save the Date!) and our Awards Night.

Annual subscriptions should be paid through our recently launched [RGS Cricket Website](#) and go directly to support the annual costs of the cricket programme. Although not compulsory, we do encourage subscriptions for all boys attending summer training and matches as it directly funds the coaching and match costs that we incur. As a thanks for your generosity, we would love to invite you to join us for lunch at the MCC match.

You can also support us by attending our fundraising events or donating auction and raffle prizes. Or if you or your business are interested in finding out more about sponsorship or donations towards one of our additional fundraising items above, please get in touch at [rgsfoc@gmail.com](mailto:rgsfoc@gmail.com).

Alternatively, if you would like to get more involved in Friends of Cricket or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

Looking forward to a great 2021 season.

Best regards

Michele Taylor

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