

The RGS Bursary Programme

In recent years, the RGS Bursary Programme has produced a national sporting champion, a professionally recognised and published scientific author, international success on screen, award-winning entrepreneurial flair, an environmental campaigner, a diploma standard musician and our first choral scholarship to the world-renowned Kings College Chapel Choir.

It is vital – for all of us – that the potential of talented young people is recognised, nurtured and allowed to flourish. We want an RGS education to be available to the brightest boys, irrespective of their financial circumstances.

Last year, we also joined the top 7% of independent schools in terms of expenditure on bursaries, spending over £1m per annum on our means-tested bursary programme.

How are bursaries allocated?

Our bursaries are allocated on need. This means that while bursary investment grows each year, the number of supported boys can go up or down, dependent on the scale of support required and predicting future numbers is hard. The more support we receive, the more we can do.

We offer two types of bursary, both rigorously means-tested:

Entrance bursaries for boys entering the School, usually in the 1st form / Year 7. Offered for the full seven years of an RGS education and financially re-assessed each year.

Hardship/emergency temporary fee assistance for those families who fall into sudden and unexpected financial difficulties. Wherever possible, we ensure that a boy who has started his GCSE or A-level years is able to complete that stage of his education, at the very least.

How are bursaries funded?

Since 2008, we have quadrupled bursary investment, with funding coming from three sources:

- 5% of school fees annually to means-tested bursaries and the cost of fundraising.
- Philanthropy from the RGS community, now funding 21 transformational bursaries (80% fees each).
- RGS Guildford International Schools are helping to build our Enduring Bursary Fund and we hope to see that grow considerably in the coming years in order to secure funding in perpetuity. The Headmaster and Governors intend that, wherever possible, income from RGSG International will be invested in widening access to our School.

Key statistics *

Who are 735 supporters are

31% Old Guildfordians

60% Parents, past & present

9% staff, governors, others



299%
increase in donors since 2016

9% of our total community
now supporting

Want to know more? Email us at rgsfoundation@rgsg.co.uk.

* Figures are taken from the 2019/20 management reports.