



RGS



# CLASSES OF 1993 & 2003

OLD NOVO REUNION

JULY 2023

# Welcome Message

The rhythms of a school year are deeply entrenched, often re-emerging for those of us who have our own children. I wonder whether you remember the fizz of excitement and anticipation as exam results loom and September approaches. Back in July, on the very cusp of our school summer holidays, we welcomed many of you back to our reunions of 1993 and 2003, to spend time in school and enjoy our annual Garden Party.



The gathering together of our community on that bright, breezy evening to reminisce on common ground and share diverse life journeys was a fitting celebration of the RGS and its people. Thank you so much to those who attended; you helped to make this a sparkling social event. The subsequent boost to RGS Bursaries will help more young people to tread the paths that you yourselves followed. We value every bit of re-investment in this wider purpose and you will find on the final page of this publication more details of how you can be involved.

I know many of you enjoyed a visit to the archive on your tour of the school, poring over our compendium of old photos, collection of the iconic Novo magazines and haul of school pocket calendars in their jaunty colours. This enthusiastic reminiscing binds us to our collective history. All ONs, reflecting on the portrait of Lord Collingwood in the hall, know that our past has always been predicated on providing education for those who will thrive here. You will find in this memento portraits of how RGS lives have flourished, with local, national and global reach. Plenty of ONs – old friends and good friends – have managed to keep in touch over the years but we hope that our Events' Programme will encourage the return of even more year groups to catch up and engage. The relationships formed at school have a powerful longevity, even when punctuated by periods of time without contact; many of our alumni take up friendships and also find that business links and working partnerships are formed through their attendance at reunions and dinners.

The gates at Eskdale Terrace are always open to you, and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

**Geoffrey Stanford**

*RGS Newcastle Headmaster*



# Reminiscing









# Garden party



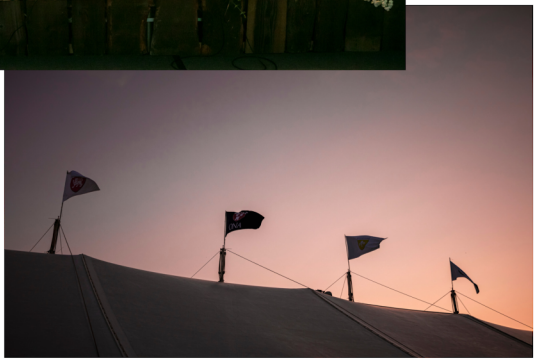










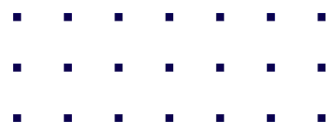








# Class of 1993, where are they now

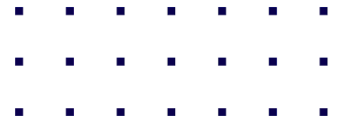








# Class of 2003, where are they now





# Class of... Bursary

As an Old Novo yourself you will understand, first hand, how attending RGS can enrich your educational experience and shape your future .

Providing bursary places for outstanding individuals to attend our school not only raises their aspirations but also improves social mobility in the North east region while establishing a rich diversity within our school.

We have an ambitious aim to further increase the number of bursary students currently studying in RGS to over 100.

Can the school leavers of your year group collaboratively fund a bursary place - how wonderful would that be?

You can donate a one off sum or sign up as a regular giver. Our bursary students are funded exclusively from donations to the RGS Educational Trust.

Donations can range from £10 per month through to transformational one off gifts or legacies.

All contributors to our 'class of.. bursary' will receive a regular update on the donations you have collectively made. You will receive our bi-annual bursary bulletin, and most importantly, a letter each academic year direct from your supported bursary student, keeping you updated with their progress and experiences during their time here.

**To give a one off donation  
please follow this link:**



*A poem written by a current bursary student:*

## ***In the halls of learning***

*In the halls of learning, where dreams come alive,  
RGS stands tall, where opportunities thrive.  
With each passing day, it nurtures my soul,  
Unfolding a future, helping me reach my goal.*

*In the realm of education, where wonders ignite,  
Stands a school so extraordinary, shining so bright.  
It extends its arm to students in need,  
Offering a bursary, what a wonderful gift indeed.*

*Like a seed, I arrived, seeking knowledge's embrace,  
With dreams in my heart and a thirst to chase.  
Royal Grammar school, a haven, a sanctuary of light,  
A place where real potential takes flight.*

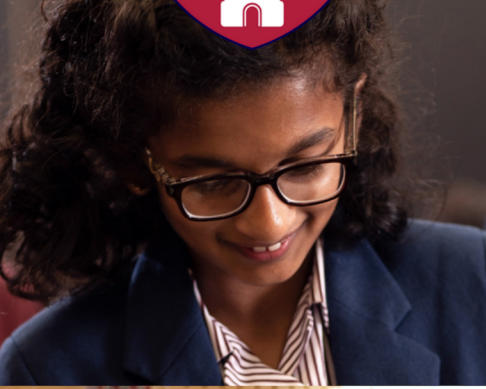
*In classrooms, I discover my passions excite,  
As the bursary amplifies my learning's height.  
Extracurriculars, clubs, and projects galore,  
Opportunities abound, enriching to the core.*

*From science to arts to the world of sports,  
The bursary fuels my aspirations, without resort.  
It nurtures my talents, giving them flight,  
Unleashing potential, like a star shining so bright.*

*Thank you.*







**“Education has the power to change lives. It opens doors to better employment, more active citizenship and well-informed health choices which benefit future generations. At its best, it transforms the prospects of poor and marginalised children and builds more meritocratic societies.”**

**Secretary of state for International Development Penny Mordaunt**

RGS is an Independent, fee-paying school, yet we have a long history of providing a number of fee-assisted places. RGS is passionately committed to ensuring access to its fast-paced, challenging academic curriculum for students from the widest possible range of backgrounds. We believe that the first-class education that our students receive can be transformational to their lives.

The generous donations from our bursary benefactors provide exceptional young people with means tested bursaries, opening the door to an RGS education for young people from families who may not have the financial means to afford the full yearly fee.

Bursaries are targeted at families living in the most deprived areas of the region. In the past 20 years, RGS has supported 447 bursary families, enabled by loyal donors who strongly believe in our mission. The bursaries are strictly means tested with the average award of 93% of fees paid.

You have the ability to change the trajectory of a young person’s life by donating to the RGS Bursary campaign, giving a young person from the North east the opportunity to attend RGS and reach their full potential.

- Junior School fees for the academic year 2023-24 are £4,639 per term (£13,917 per annum).
- Senior School fees for the academic year 2023-24 are £5,507 per term (£16,521 per annum)

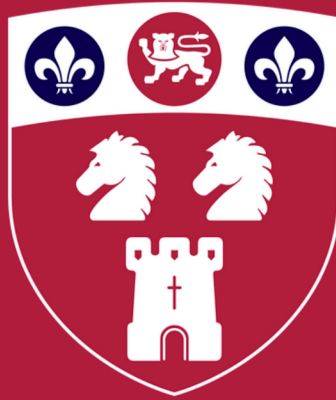
**If you are inspired to support our mission, we'd love to hear from you.**

**Please complete the pledge form:**

**<https://www.rgs.newcastle.sch.uk/rgs-family/rgs-bursary-campaign>**

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