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Our main focus this year has been in supporting families of those on significant bursaries to be able to enjoy the benefits that we all have had from being at RHS, either those already here, or through our significant contribution to the Centennial Fund, to provide for those in the future. We have championed the Centennial Fund when we can, and I know both Nick and I have made narrative contributions to encourage others to donate to this cause.

It had been planned in principle to provide some funding for the purchase of School uniforms for new pupils on bursary support, the details need to be finalised, but it is hoped that this will be the case in the near future.

We have this year created a travel subsidy to enable former pupils who were on significant bursaries whilst at RHS to be able to attend the Professional Networking meetings that are held in various locations. We felt it was an important opportunity to engage with some of our recent leavers and to show that the charitable ethos of RHS does not end when you leave.

The Professional Networking meetings are co-funded by the RHSA, and I have been to a number of them in my capacity as VP. I believe that there is a growing number of recent leavers attending which is encouraging and we hope that more of the recent leavers will attend in the future. I know that there have been several personal synergies that have their beginnings in these events.

We have continued as part of our commitment to individuals who experience hardship to provide small amounts to cover costs or losses. Also, we have set up the mechanism for those, again on significant bursaries who are unable through means, to attend the Leavers Ball, a significant event in the life of our sixth form.

We have again sponsored the Annual Band Concert this year, demonstrating our support to pupils within the School and hopefully raising our profile with them. Thus our main focus this year has been on the young rather than the old, recent leavers, and those on bursaries.

In conclusion, I must thank wholeheartedly the General Committee, Aimee, Nick, Mark and Stephen for, what I always allude to, the unseen work they do on our behalf, and for the support they have given me over the last couple of years.

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