



HENRY SMITH CLUB



FOUNDATION
REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL





Henry Smith

A great philanthropist, Henry Smith, was born in Wandsworth in 1548. He went on to accumulate great wealth through the acquisition of land and estates throughout the City and the south of England.

Henry died in 1627 and declared in his Will that a gift of £1,000 be used for the relief of the poor and to educate local children in Reigate. In 1675 RGS was founded to educate poor boys in reading, writing and simple calculations and has remained on the same site to this very day. 2025 will celebrate Reigate Grammar School's 350th anniversary.



Henry Smith Club

At a time of extreme poverty for many, the 1620s saw one of the first concerted efforts to address the issue of social mobility. In a response to the problem of family poverty moving from generation to generation, Henry funded huge numbers of child apprenticeships providing opportunities to master a trade and change the direction of their life.

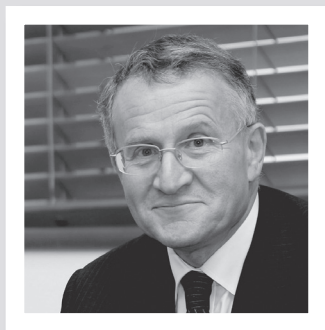
Nearly 400 years have passed and today, unbelievably, we still encounter the same problem with 1 in 5 children living in poverty in the local area.

In the spirit of our founder and benefactor, The Henry Smith Club is an important philanthropic group that supports the work of the RGS Foundation in its mission to tackle social mobility and to provide first-class educational opportunities to children from disadvantaged backgrounds, whose potential is far greater than their financial means.

The Henry Smith Club was established in 2014 and linked to the RGS Foundation's *Changing Lives* campaign. Your support would be solely used to provide bursarial support.



I firmly believe that a good education is a powerful enabler of social mobility and am extremely proud to be the President of this important philanthropic group. I urge you to join the Henry Smith Club so that together, we can continue to change the lives of future students of RGS and help them fulfil their potential.



Sir Peter Gershon CBE
President, Henry Smith Club
(RGS 1958-66)

Sir Peter Gershon is currently Chairman of National Grid plc and Tate & Lyle plc and is also Non-Executive Chairman of the Aircraft Carrier Alliance.

Why I give



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It sounds daunting to consider the cost of a bursary, but collectively we can have a tremendous effect in allowing a deserving young person the benefit of an RGS education.

Michael Lloyd (RGS 1981-86)

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I support the campaign because of the strong conviction I have that the very high standards of Reigate Grammar School in academic achievement, in cultural activities and sports, should be available to gifted children whose families cannot afford the fees which those standards command.

Sir Colin Chandler *Chairman, RGS Foundation*

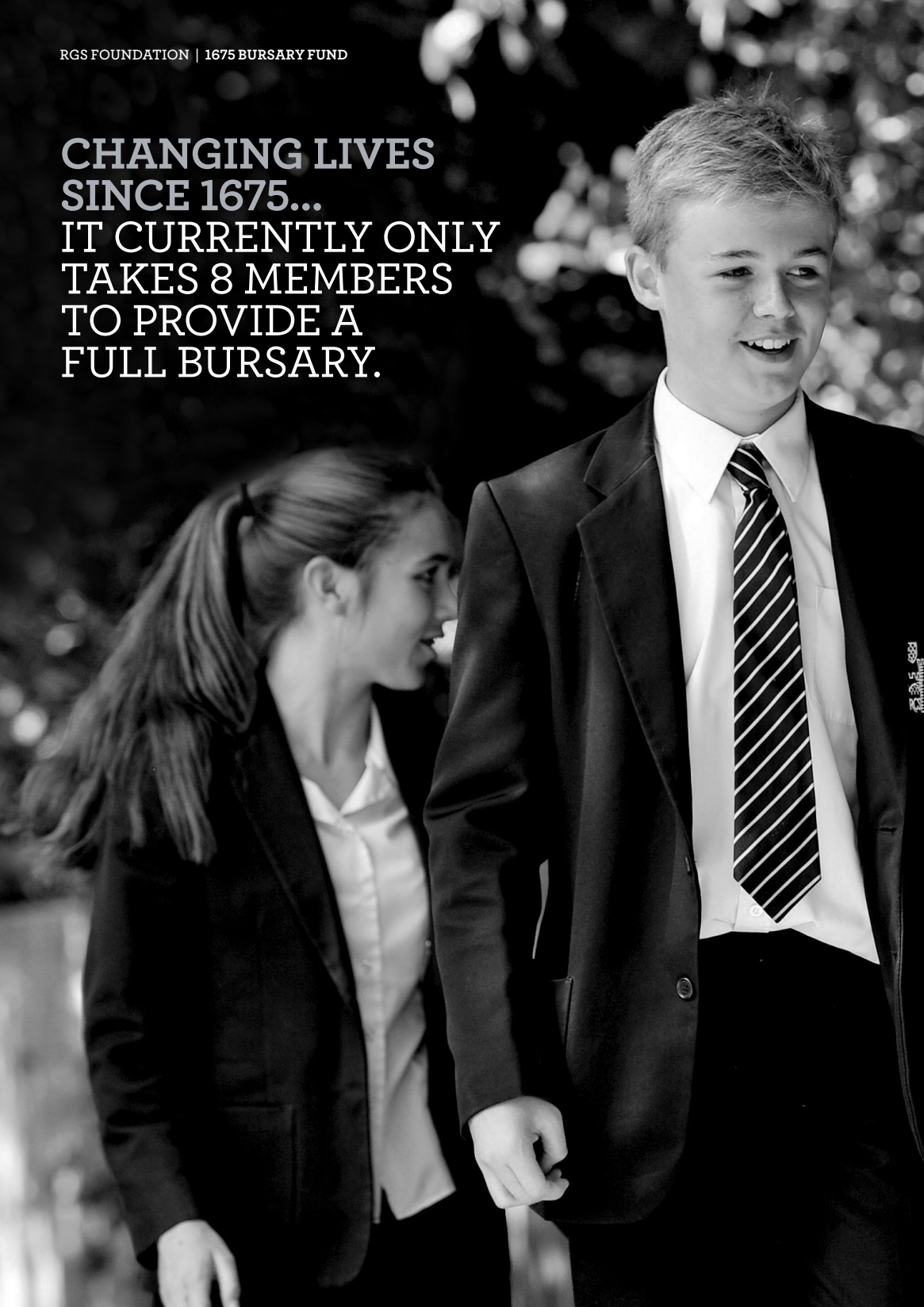


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RGS gave me a fantastic start in life and is the place where I established many life-long friends. As a group of friends, we felt that it was important to give something back to the school we love. Therefore, we joined the Henry Smith Club as we realised it would only take eight of us to fund a full bursary for a talented child from a disadvantaged background. By joining this philanthropic club, we have given the chance for a local child to benefit from the same opportunity that we were all fortunate enough to receive. I would encourage other Reigatians to join.

Pat Bridges, *back row, 2nd from right* (RGS 1973-80)

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Real life stories



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I have only my sincere thanks to offer in return for the gift of education, and the promise that I will always strive to make the most of the opportunities that have risen as a result.

Ellis Clarke, Bursary Recipient
(RGS 2006-13)

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I promise to continue to make the most of the opportunities available to me, because I am constantly reminded of the journey which has brought me here and realise that it began with the gift of a Reigate Grammar education.

Karolina Csathy, Bursary Recipient
(RGS 2008-15)



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The bursaries that RGS have provided for me and my two brothers throughout our time have undoubtedly changed our lives for the better. The range of opportunities that the School provides to its students is hard to come by at other schools and these would never have been available to us without the generosity of these bursaries. I think that this level of varied education should be available to everyone, not just those who can afford it, so it is vital that this incredible support is continued at RGS.

Matt Burns, Bursary Recipient
(RGS 2004-11)





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Ryan Younger
Henry Smith Club Patron
(RGS 1983-91)

Getting involved

Become a Member

Henry Smith Club Membership

Membership to the club is through an annual donation of £1,675, representing our foundation date, for a minimum seven year term (the school cycle of a child). And, if you are UK tax payer, we are eligible to claim Gift Aid on your donation, increasing the value of your donation to over £2,000 at no extra cost to you.

Your donation would solely be used to provide bursarial support.

There are two membership options:

- Annual payment of £1,675 (Direct Debit or Bank Transfer)
- Twelve monthly Direct Debit payments of £140

Tax rate	HSC Membership	Gift Aid	Tax-payer Reclaim	Real cost to you
45% tax payer	£1,675	£419	£523	£1,152
40% tax payer	£1,675	£419	£419	£1,256
20% tax payer	£1,675	£419	£0	£1,675

Benefits

- You will have a significant impact on the life chances of a talented young child
- Handmade bespoke membership pin
- Invitation to Henry Smith Club Annual Dinner
- Membership certificate
- Exclusive annual HSC mailing update
- Membership of an important professional network of like-minded individuals

Become a Patron

Henry Smith Club Patron

Become a Henry Smith Club Patron and sponsor a year of a child’s education with a one-off payment of £16,750. You will receive a ten year honorary membership to the Henry Smith Club, a personalised Henry Smith print and recognition as a Henry Smith Club Patron.

HSC Patron	Gift Aid	45% Tax-payer Reclaim	Real cost to you
£16,750	£4,188	£5,234	£11,516



I love it sir. I'm really happy and have made lots of friends. I love coming to school. I'm trying to get into the As for rugby but a lot of the guys have played before... but I'll get there. Please let people know that I am working hard and won't let them down... I know how lucky I am... my mum is happy as I'm now in top-set maths! I want to make my mum proud, I really want to make my mum proud.

Current Henry Smith Club bursary recipient

Next steps...

Complete the Membership Form and Direct Debit Instruction and return to us in the pre-paid envelope provided or sign up online at: rgs.foundation

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