Riddlesdown Collegiate

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Dear Parent/Carer

Riddlesdown Collegiate Parents' Fund

We are very grateful for the level of support that parents provide to the education of their children at the Collegiate. In today's tough financial climate, Riddlesdown Collegiate, like all schools, is having to operate with significant financial prudence and so your support at this time is more important than ever and helps us to continue to deliver an outstanding education. As part of this, every year our parent body makes generous donations to the ***Riddlesdown Collegiate Parents' Fund***. This fund can only be used for the benefit of students at the Collegiate and provides important additional resources which are not otherwise funded. For example, the accumulation of funds in recent years helped us to purchase new Macs for use in Media Studies and Music, new equipment in DT and make a contribution to the Trust's minibuses which are used to transport students on trips and to sporting fixtures.

We are therefore asking parents to make a donation of £35 in each term of the academic year or £100 in one annual payment. If you would like to donate but feel unable to donate this amount, we are very happy to receive any other amount that you feel able to donate. Of course, many of you have more than one child at the Collegiate; if you were able to make a donation for a second child at half this rate, that again would be great. Payments are through **Just Giving** at https://www.justgiving.com/thecollegiatetrust

As you know, Riddlesdown Collegiate belongs to The Collegiate Trust, which is an educational charity and therefore enjoys certain tax advantages for your contributions to the Parents' Fund. For example, we can reclaim tax on all donations made by individuals under the Gift Aid Scheme, which allows charities to recover 25p from the Inland Revenue for every pound donated. If all donations to our Parents' Fund were made through the Gift Aid Scheme, this would mean that for every £1000 donated, we would have £1250 to spend.

We are of course appreciative of all the assistance you give to us in delivering outstanding education to our students, and I would like to thank you in anticipation for your support of the Riddlesdown Collegiate Parents' Fund.

Yours sincerely

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