ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

TRANSFORMING THE ACADEMIC HEART OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

BE PART OF OUR VISION TO REDEFINE 'LIBRARY' AT RHS

Our mission is to enable our pupils to 'navigate their success', prepare them for life beyond the School, and empower them to fulfil their potential. Our vision for their future success begins within the academic heart of the School – the modernisation of our library will not only transform the physical space, but also our pupils' learning experience.

We want to create for our community an academic hub that provides an optimal educational environment. Remaining at the centre of the School – both physically and metaphorically – it will comprise of innovative, flexible spaces for learning, collaborating, debating and public speaking, volunteering and careers activities. The design also provides for an additional quiet area to promote the focus required for effective independent study.

We intend to have this new facility completed and in use by September 2019, exactly 70 years after the School opened its first library. To help us on our way, I'm delighted to report that the first £100,000 raised will qualify for 50% match funding thanks to the generosity of the Clive and Sylvia Richards Charity.

With the opportunity to significantly increase the value of your donation, there has never been a better time to help us achieve our ambition.

Simon Lockyer
Headmaster

"I LIKE WORKING IN OUR LIBRARY BUT **THIS LOOKS A LOT MORE UP-TO-DATE**. I LIKE THE ROOMS OFF THE MAIN LIBRARY, WHICH **WILL BE GOOD WHEN WE ARE PREPARING FOR DEBATES AND PUBLIC SPEAKING**"
- Year 11 pupil

"IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A **UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**! IT WILL BE A **GREAT PLACE TO WORK IN**"
- Year 12 pupil

MAKING WAVES: IN BUSINESS, IN THE SERVICES, & IN THE WIDER WORLD

The Royal Hospital School is an institution of national significance. Its distinct educational experience culminates in something that is hard to describe, but is deeply felt by our pupils, past and present. The curriculum may have changed over the years, but one thing that remains constant is the positive impact on the communities and enterprises served by those with an RHS education.

As well as being a flexible, contemporary space which supports a rich variety of learning activities, the new library will reflect the School's proud heritage. We see it as a place where our pupils can be inspired and can develop the skills and confidence as well as to carry forward the School's ethos of loyalty and service in order to make their mark on the 21st century.

"YOU ARE THE **HEIRS OF A GREAT TRADITION**, A TRADITION OF SERVICE AND LOYALTY, **OF WHICH YOU MUST BE JUSTLY PROUD**."

– Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, addressing RHS pupils upon presenting the Queen's Banner, July 1968

Today, more than a quarter of our pupils are supported through means-tested bursaries. Gifts that improve our facilities strengthen the educational experience we offer to a diverse body of pupils. This project serves the whole school by functioning as a learning and social space for relationships, interactions and shared ambitions.

A LAUNCHPAD FOR FUTURE CAREER SUCCESS

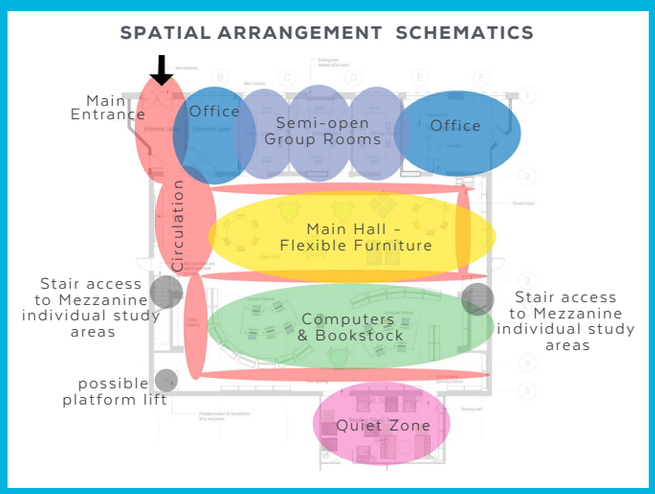
Our plan is to take an outdated 1980s library, enlarge its footprint at the heart of the School and transform it into a bright, inspiring, spacious learning hub that better embodies the School's ambition, and better supports the career aspirations of our pupils today. The new library will be the intellectual engine that drives the curiosity and ambition of smart, purposeful and well-rounded young people.

Stanley Bragg Architects have come up with a concept for a 3,600 sq. ft. multi-functional space with provision for 10,000 books, dedicated areas for private study, semi-open rooms supporting a range of teaching and learning methods, resources for careers research and advice, and versatile facilities for debating and public speaking.

Aesthetically, the interior of the new library will be sleek and contemporary; our vision is a bright, modern space that provides an optimal studying environment. The School's maritime heritage will very much be in evidence, with paintings and sculptural pieces displayed in prominent positions, against the gallery-like white backdrop of the neutral décor.

THE NEW **GROUP SEMINAR ROOMS AND SIXTH FORMER SPACES WILL BE IDEAL FOR MENTORING**. THE PROPOSED NEW LIBRARY WILL GIVE US A **MODERN**, MORE **OPEN** AND **FLEXIBLE SPACE** WITH A DESIGN THAT REFLECTS MODERN WORKING AND SOCIAL INTERACTIONS.

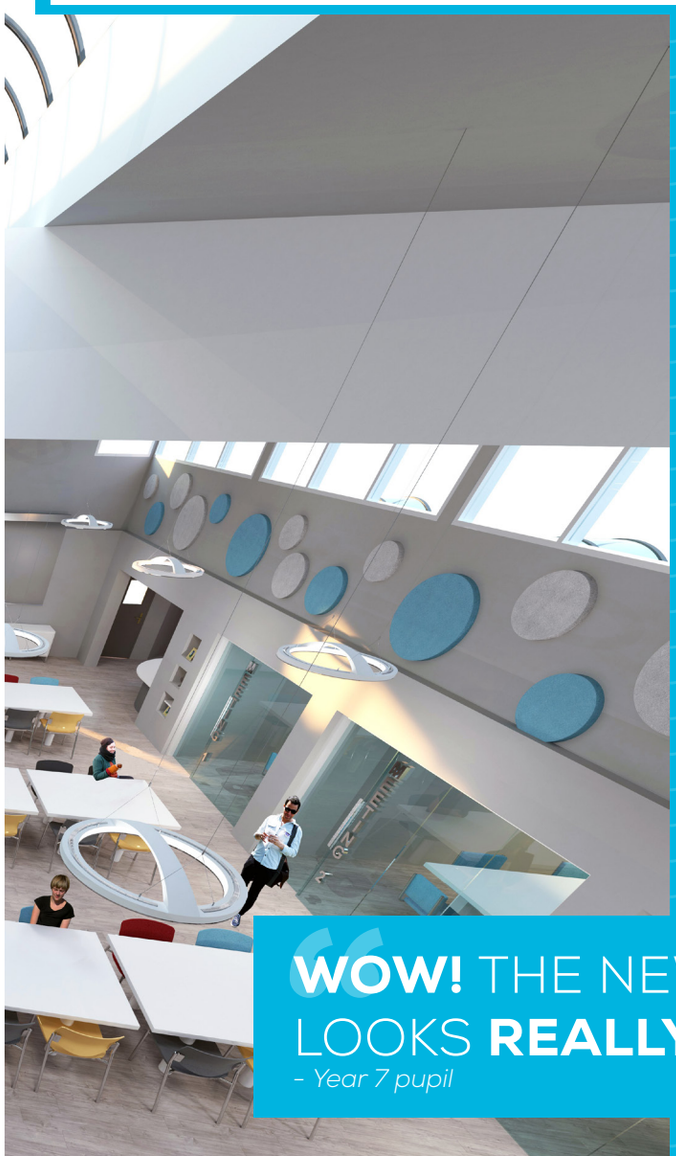
- Tony Stenning, Parent and RHS Mentor



INSPIRING A LIFE-LONG PASSION FOR LEARNING

With your support, our library can play a more effective role in encouraging a lifelong passion for learning and develop the skills to the benefit of all our pupils, wherever their futures take them. The new space will transform the way that pupils debate, seek and share knowledge, and connect to each other and the wider world. Outside of the classroom, the library will provide pupils with an adaptable space that they feel is their own.

We also know that communication is central to any successful career, whether in written or spoken form, so it also follows that the library should be a centre for promoting and developing literacy and oracy.



THE **DEBATING**, **PUBLIC SPEAKING** AND **MODEL UNITED NATIONS** PROGRAMME AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL HAS GROWN OUT OF ALL RECOGNITION IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. THE NEW LIBRARY WILL HAVE A WIDER SPACE; FULLY OPEN SEMINAR ROOMS SO THAT **PUPILS CAN GET CLOSER TO SPEAKERS**; A LARGER MEZZANINE/ BALCONY SPACE FOR SPECTATORS; AND EASY TO MOVE FURNITURE

- 2018-19 de Leybourne Debating Society Committee

WOW! THE NEW DESIGN LOOKS **REALLY MODERN**

- Year 7 pupil

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost of improving the experience and prospects of our diverse body of pupils for many years to come will be £285,000.

Be part of our vision – support the employees, entrepreneurs and world-changers of the future.

As a school community, we have witnessed many changes in our facilities, in the profile of our student body, and in our funding since the current library was opened in 1986. We have risen to these challenges and RHS remains as an outstanding, well-regarded school, providing a famously well-rounded education.

By redeveloping the library for current pupils – and many more generations to come – we will provide them with the flexible spaces they have told us that they need to maximise their educational experience at RHS, and improve their connectivity with each other and the wider world. By evolving the heart of our campus we will equip our pupils for the fast-paced and ever-changing world in which they must make their way.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

We want you to be proud of the difference you are making. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference and will be appreciated and appropriately recognised. Small donations can collectively have a huge impact. This is why we have made it easier to give small regular donations to this project through the School's Annual Fund. You can also join other donors by making a one off donation of £500 to have your family name permanently displayed on the mezzanine balustrade.

For more details please visit **www.royalhospitalschool.org/supportus**

If you would like to explore making a larger donation, you can support this landmark building by sponsoring certain spaces within it – and, in doing so, make a transformative contribution towards securing the future of the School.

The first £100,000 raised will receive match funding thanks to the generosity and challenge set by the Clive and Sylvia Richards Charity. This means your gift could make a very big difference, especially if you are a UK tax payer.

YOUR DONATION	50% MATCH CONTRIBUTION	GIFT AID	TOTAL RECOGNISED VALUE OF YOUR DONATION	HIGHER RATE TAXPAYERS CAN ADDITIONALLY CLAIM
£500	£250	£125	£875	£125
£1,000	£500	£250	£1,750	£250
£2,500	£1,250	£625	£4,375	£625
£5,000	£2,500	£1,250	£8,750	£1,250
£10,000	£5,000	£2,500	£17,500	£2,500
£25,000	£12,500	£6,250	£43,750	£6,250

IT STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION

If you are considering making a gift and would like more detail, please contact Simon Marsh in the Development Office on **01473 326150** or **smarsh@royalhospitalschool.org**

The Royal Hospital School Charitable Trust (registered charity no. 1157146)

When our benefactor Gifford Sherman Reade made the decision to gift the Holbrook estate, he hoped that his passion for the School's founding mission 'may prove an incentive to others', and he also knew that it would fall to future generations to apply the School's mission to new challenges and opportunities. The Royal Hospital School Charitable Trust exists to take this philanthropic mission forward; it offers parents, former staff and pupils, and our wider community, an active role in securing the future of RHS. Together we can enrich the School's legacy so that a diverse body of pupils can benefit from an RHS education, and connections with each other, in order to 'improve navigation' in the 21st century.

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