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Alumni Lab Sponsorship Scheme at The Royal Latin School



Royal Latin School, April 2014: construction of the Discovery Centre is under way

“It is vital to give the students of today the chance to be inspired by their predecessors. RLS is fortunate to have many scientists, technologists and innovators amongst its Alumni. Creating an Alumni Lab will enable the school to celebrate achievements and connect today’s students with those from previous generations. We want to ensure that the expertise of former students is embedded across the Discovery Centre, and that Old Latins can return to school to share expertise and give career advice and lectures to students past and present. We would like to invite Old Latins to join us in trying to fund a lab purely via our contributions. This is our chance to give back. By joining together we can make a big commitment to the Discovery Centre and to the next generation of scientists and innovators at RLS.”

Denise Griffiths (Class of 1980)

Julian Thomas (Class of 1986)

Jade Thomas (Class of 1992)



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Dear 'Old' Latin,

One of my priorities as Headteacher is both to reconnect the school to its history and develop state-of-the-art facilities fit for the 21st Century. I would like to ask for your help in both of these endeavours.

To be leading an outstanding, 600 year old (almost) school at such an exciting time is an enormous honour. Alumni have the potential to greatly enrich school life and one of the genuine pleasures of my role is to warmly welcome former pupils back, irrespective of whether you left fifty years ago or just last year. As an Old Latin, you are part of an immense web of skills, experience and life stories that reaches right across the globe.

You may well have heard about our 600 Campaign. A range of Old Latins, parents and local businesses are coming together to invest in the school and give our current students the benefit not just of new buildings, but also their own experiences of life beyond the Latin.

We are working very hard to try and get this right. We featured in an article in *The Independent* last year on this very subject, and many state schools are seeking our advice. In reality, we feel we are only just dipping our toe into the water of alumni relations; what I do know is that you can make a huge difference to the current and future generations of Latin students. I very much hope that you, like Julian Thomas and others who have already stepped forward, do decide to play your part in the next chapter of The Royal Latin School story.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our rather unashamed plea for assistance. I really hope you feel able to reconnect with your old school, and I very much look forward to having the opportunity to meet you and welcome you back here very soon.

Yours faithfully

David Hudson (MA Cantab)
Headteacher, 2010-

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End of an era: why the old laboratories at RLS have to be replaced

The Science building at RLS is almost untouched since it was built for the arrival of the first students at the Chandos Road site in 1963. Laboratories are only intended to have a life of 30 years, yet the RLS laboratories have stood the test of time and lasted more than 50 years. However, the building now has severe structural defects due to foundation failure and has already been underpinned twice. The window frames have gaping holes in them and every room has to have buckets at the ready to collect rainwater through the leaking roof.

In addition, we just don't have enough laboratories. The department was built for a school population of fewer than 400 students; we now have closer to 1,300 students on roll.



The 1960's laboratories, vividly remembered by so many Old Latins

The Discovery Centre

In 2012, the school boldly announced plans to build a new 12 laboratory Discovery Centre, funded by an ambitious £5m fundraising campaign – believed to be the largest launched by a state school. Two years later, £4.75m has been generated (including government funding, against all odds) and construction has begun. The Discovery Centre will open in 2015, providing that the school can raise the remaining £265,000 needed to complete and equip the laboratories.



The Discovery Centre at RLS: purpose built, incorporating independent study space and 12 laboratories, including a Community Lab and a Training Lab.

Bright, modern laboratories with a semi-commercial feel, designed for 21st Century students





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Old Latins as Sponsors of the Alumni Lab

Each laboratory in the Discovery Centre costs in excess of £100,000 to build and equip. A team of Old Latins has begun to try and make the Alumni Lab a reality, and would welcome your support. All Old Latins are being invited to contribute, irrespective of whether they left the school fifty years ago or just last year. In order to succeed in raising enough for a lab, we must also urge those Old Latins who are able to, to consider making a contribution at a significant level.

This is an unprecedented move by RLS – the school has never had to ask for charitable donations from alumni at this level before. The decision has been taken out of necessity, and with the encouragement of a number of Old Latins who have been looking for an opportunity to give something back.

“When the 600 Campaign was first announced, I was instantly in tune with the objectives, and have donated £100,000 to fund the Racelogic Innovation Lab in the Discovery Centre. I see an opportunity to give something back to the school that gave me a love of science and the inspiration that led to the creation of our company.

I now want to encourage other Old Latins to take this opportunity to contribute to their school at such a pivotal moment in its long history. The Latin is an outstanding school, with an impressive commitment to giving its students the very best facilities possible, after decades of under-investment.

We must all do what we can to help the school, and the bright young minds it nurtures, to be the very best it can, for this and future generations of Latins. Becoming a Sponsor of the Alumni Lab is the perfect way to do this.”



Julian Thomas
Founder, Racelogic
Class of 1986

Anonymity

Sponsors can be assured that their gifts will be greatly valued and appreciated by the school. Anonymity will be strictly preserved if required and the wishes of sponsors will be respected at all times.

Company Donations

The school is very happy to work with any Old Latins wishing to donate via their company, in order to secure PR and brand exposure for the company. Discussions with sponsors regarding the use of school facilities for sports, corporate or private functions are also welcomed.

Sponsorship Queries

Please contact Jo Ballantine, RLS Director of Development on 01280 827309 or at jballantine@royallatin.org if you have any queries, wish to discuss sponsorship options, or would like to arrange to visit RLS.



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Alumni Lab Sponsorship Packages

The table below details the types of sponsorship we are seeking and the recognition available. The school has Exempt Charity status with HMRC, meaning that the value of gifts from UK taxpayers can be maximised by the school, and that higher rate taxpayers can even reclaim part of their donation on their next tax return:

Donation Amount	Sponsorship Level	Total Gift Value	Gift Aid Claimed by RLS	Higher Rate Taxpayers Can Reclaim	Actual Cost to Higher Rate Taxpayer
£1,000	Bronze Sponsor	1,250	250	250	750
£5,000	Silver Sponsor	6,250	1,250	1,250	3,750
£10,000	Gold Sponsor	12,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
£15,000+	Platinum Sponsor	18,750	3,750	3,750	11,250

Platinum Sponsors

Priority booking for tickets to RLS Dinner at Blenheim Palace, December 2014
 Inclusion in the VIP party at the Discovery Centre Opening Ceremony in 2015
 6 tickets to the Alumni Lab Opening Ceremony in 2015
 Wall Plaque in the Alumni Lab
 Invitation to an Annual Sponsors Lunch at RLS from 2016 onwards
 Discovery Newsletter reporting on achievements of Science students past and present

Gold Sponsors

Priority booking for tickets to RLS Dinner at Blenheim Palace, December 2014
 Invitation to the Discovery Centre Opening Ceremony in 2015
 4 tickets to the Alumni Lab Opening Ceremony in 2015
 Invitation to an Annual Sponsors Lunch at RLS from 2016 onwards
 Roll of Honour in Lab
 Discovery Newsletter reporting on achievements of Science students past and present

Silver Sponsors

2 tickets to the Alumni Lab Opening Ceremony in 2015
 Invitation to the Discovery Centre Opening Ceremony in 2015
 Roll of Honour in Lab
 Discovery Newsletter reporting on achievements of Science students past and present

Bronze Sponsors

Roll of Honour in Lab
 Discovery Newsletter reporting on achievements of Science students past and present

Alumni Lab Donation Form

To The Royal Latin School,

Please accept this signed form as confirmation of a pledge to the 600 Campaign. I confirm that I pledge to make a gift of £_____ towards the Alumni Lab in the Discovery Centre.

Full Name _____ Class Of: _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I would like to make my gift in _____ instalments, which I anticipate being paid as follows:

Date	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I would like my gift to: be publicly recognised remain confidential

RLS can claim Gift Aid from the government on donations from UK taxpayers, increasing their value by 25%.

Please sign the Gift Aid declaration below to ensure that we can maximise the value of your donation:

Gift Aid Declaration – PLEASE COMPLETE

I wish The Royal Latin School to reclaim tax on all donations I make from the date of this declaration. I understand that I must pay an amount of UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that RLS reclaims on my donations in the tax year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For further details visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/basics.htm

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I enclose a cheque (payable to The Royal Latin School – School Fund) for £_____
(please write 600 Campaign Alumni Lab on reverse of cheque)

OR I have made a direct transfer of £_____ (please use 600 Alumni as the reference) to:

Account Name: The Royal Latin School – School Fund
Sort Code: 30-15-53
Account No.: 48911968
Bank Address: Lloyds TSB, 28 Secklow Gate West, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EH

For international donations: IBAN: GB77 LOYD 3015 5348 9119 68 BIC: LOYDGB21052

OR: I have arranged a Direct Debit for £_____ per month for _____ months/until further notice starting on _____

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