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Welcome to our third edition of Latin Life



As we approach our 600th anniversary we are delighted to announce the launch of the 600 Campaign. This promotes a bold vision of how we can develop the school site in order that students in the school's seventh century continue to benefit from the very highest standard of education (see below for further details).

In the meantime, the school continues to flourish. Although Sports Day was washed out (after three attempts!) by our dreadful summer, the House system has been reinvigorated over the last couple

of years. Students proudly wear their House ties, and competitions in sport, drama, music, art and a range of other new areas are fiercely fought! I believe this link with the school's past is an important way in which today's students preserve a sense of belonging and loyalty to the school.

It is right and proper that as we look forward to and develop a school fit for 2023, we do not lose sight of the principles and ethos that make this school such a cherished part of so many of our lives.

David Hudson, Headteacher

RLS Unveils Exciting Plans for the Future

At the end of September RLS announced the launch of the '600 Campaign' to raise around £5m to build a state-of-the art (12-laboratory) Science and Technology teaching facility at RLS by 2015. To be known as 'The Discovery Centre', the building will be the first of a series of developments that the school plans to complete ahead of its 600th anniversary.

The Campaign's lead patron the Right Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, was present at the launch and said:

"I have always been enormously proud to have the Royal Latin School within my constituency. Thanks to the skill and commitment of the teaching staff, students at the school achieve outstanding results and go on to become significant contributors to the economy, many in the field of Science and Technology. It is vitally important to the future growth of this country's economy that communities come together to support schools to perform this role to the very best of their abilities by ensuring that they have the best facilities in which to do this."

Despite lengthy discussions with the local authority and direct appeals from RLS to the Government, including to senior ministers, the school has been informed that statutory funding for capital building projects is simply not available to an institution like RLS. "We appear to be victims of our own success", observes David Hudson. "Our outstanding results and high expectations of students mean that the state doesn't recognise the position that the school site



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is actually in. Our laboratories have remained virtually unchanged for fifty years, and our students are not experiencing the kind of 21st Century learning environment that students at other,

often under-performing schools are experiencing. We don't think that is acceptable any longer, and feel strongly that if the state won't make it happen, we have to make it happen ourselves. We owe it to this generation of students and all of those who will follow, to give them the very best we can. To deny very bright and capable young people – the leaders and pioneers of the future – the opportunity to fulfil their true potential is unthinkable."

In contrast, the demonstrations of non-statutory support that we have received already are encouraging. The school has received some generous commitments from local business and from individuals which, combined with the school's own initial investment in the project, amount to almost half a million pounds already (nearly 10% of the target!) But we still have a very long way to go. Now we need Old Latins everywhere to help us generate the all important support and word of mouth that will help us communicate our appeal to the widest possible audience.

Visit www.rls600.com to see the Discovery Centre building plans and to find out more about the 12 themed laboratories