



Please can you help us?

We hope that you will consider helping us in some way, however small or large as your circumstances allow. Your support will be acknowledged on a Roll of Honour, or you may wish to keep your support anonymous.

You could help the school through covenants and pledges so that your contribution can be spread over a number of years, paying through a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly instalment on a standing order. This soon adds up to large sums, especially as we can reclaim tax on your donations through Gift Aid, if you are a UK taxpayer. For example, for every £100 given to the appeal we can gain an extra £28 in tax you have already paid. If your circumstances change, a covenant can be cancelled. Another option could be to make a single gift to BRGS.

Tables with various levels of giving are outlined below to show you how even modest contributions add up to substantial amounts over a period of years. Enclosed with this leaflet is a reply slip to enable you to support the Sports Hall Appeal.

EXAMPLES OF COVENANTS

Net monthly amount covenanted	Net yearly amount covenanted	Total amount received by the appeal after 4 years (including gift aid with income tax at 22%)	Total amount received by the appeal after 7 years (including gift aid with income tax at 22%)
£15	£180	£922	£1,613
£20	£240	£1,229	£2,150
£30	£360	£1,843	£3,226

EXAMPLES OF SINGLE DONATIONS

Single donation	Gift aid claimed by BRGS (with income tax at 22%)	Total received by BRGS
£250	£70	£320
£500	£140	£640
£1,000	£280	£1,280
£2,000	£560	£2,560

We hope that you will consider helping us to increase sporting excellence at BRGS and in the local community. We owe it to our children to give them the very best sporting facilities and provide more for young people in our care at BRGS.

Thank you for your support.

If you would like any further details about the BRGS Sports Hall Appeal, please contact

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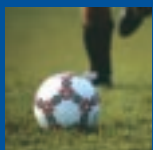
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Sports Appeal

for a new indoor
multi-sport facility



"P.E. lessons will be more enjoyable and fitness levels will improve."

Shannon Chamley and Rachel Duffy,
Year 10.



"We shall be able to practise all year round to improve our standards in P.E."

G.C.S.E. P.E. Group,
Year 11.



"A Sports Hall will improve students' confidence in sport and we shall be able to enjoy a greater variety of sports."

Richard Belsten and Peter Illingworth,
Year 10.



Leading the way

As a former pupil or parent of a child at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School you will realise that the school strives to provide the best possible facilities for our students and wishes to invest the maximum into the education of our children.

We have a long history of sporting achievement at BRGS. In 2004 we have already been successful in netball, basketball and orienteering at national and county championship level, with only a single indoor sports facility, a gym, built over 60 years ago intended originally to cater for fewer than 300 pupils. Today, our sports facilities are overstretched and do not meet the needs of our 1,200 pupils.

We have had a vision to build a Sports Hall for a number of years but due to limited public funding this has not yet been realised. We are now looking to the support of parents and former pupils and we request your help in achieving this vision for the benefit of our current and future generations of pupils.

We very much hope that you will be able to support us as generously as you can.

Martyn Morris OBE
Headmaster, BRGS



Involving parents and former pupils

We do not have a tradition of requesting financial help from parents and former pupils for our capital development plans. Many other schools do, and after exploring all options available to us we realise that in this case, if we are to provide the best for our students we will be dependent on your support.

Maybe you have benefited from your education at BRGS and would like to say thank you to the school or perhaps you would simply like to invest in your child's education at the present time. Either way, we hope you share our vision and that you will consider investing in the education of our current pupils. Your support will be gratefully received and will enable us to provide facilities where students can discover and develop their talents, interests and abilities to the full.



The Sports Hall

Sport should be an enjoyable part of every young person's life. Sport should be accessible and fun for all, whether they are extremely gifted or simply keen to participate. However, our students need to be encouraged: providing good sports facilities is intrinsic to this.

We lack an indoor multi-sport facility of an acceptable size and standard. The school gym has been criticised by Ofsted Inspection Reports as being below the recommended level and it is frequently overcrowded with up to 90 children when lessons have to be held indoors due to adverse weather.

To resolve this, we want the new development to meet the following requirements: a full-sized netball court suitable for county level matches; a basketball court; and facilities for volleyball, indoor football and cricket as well as many other sports. There will be changing facilities for up to 90 pupils and as a bonus the Sports Hall will include two large classrooms which will be of particular help given the shortage of teaching space at BRGS.



Everyone will benefit

The Sports Hall shall transform the amount and type of sport available to students at BRGS. With space for pupils to play sport indoors we shall be able to broaden the different types of sports we can offer. A Sports Hall will not only benefit students at BRGS but will also be of benefit to children from local primary schools and the wider community who will have access to the facility.



How will the vision be realised?

The whole project will cost £1 million. Through careful management of the school's reserves and generous support already received from companies and individuals, the school will already be able to commit £750,000 of the total target by the summer.

We have not long left to raise the balance of £250,000 as we aim to start building in July 2004 for completion by the 1st April 2005, less than a year from now.

We are dependent on your generosity to ensure that our vision for a Sports Hall becomes a reality.

