

Ravenscliffe

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SpringHall

Newsletter 2

Ravenscliffe High School and Sports College is Calderdale's only secondary special school, providing education for 138 students aged 11-19 years.

We have been judged as consistently "Outstanding" by OFSTED on their last four inspections, the most recent being in November 2012.



Luke and Niko, Y9, will be some of the first students to attend Ravenscliffe@SpringHall

MOmentum Builds: Chasing the Dream

Since our project was launched in November 2013, much has been happening in our quest to make Ravenscliffe@SpringHall a reality.

The momentum is steadily building and Newsletter 2 should help our supporters to understand how things are progressing. If you consider the word "momentum" as a gauge for this project, in four short weeks we have progressed to the letter "O"!

A feasibility report in November 2013 indicated that the vision for RHS@SH sixth form and community building was not just a good idea, but that it could actually happen. However, we need to address a capital shortfall of £1.2m. The School's strategy, in partnership with Calderdale Council, is to

successfully address this shortfall in 2014.

£1.2million: Our Challenge

The fabulous support the school has already received indicates that this might just be possible, despite the current financial climate. The School has a number of strategies to raise the necessary capital. We have contacted a number of influential individuals both locally and nationally who could help to secure the target funding. Also, a small team are currently submitting bids to charitable trusts and funding organisations. Bids have already been submitted to Sport England, The Wolfson Foundation and the ACT Foundation with many more due for submission by the end of February. Our own fundraising efforts have also continued, with bricks selling well, and we have introduced the idea of

Cornerstone and Keystone funders, with a number of individuals already interested. Tickets for our Spring Ball are selling well, and we continue to receive generous donations from across Calderdale.

Recently, we made a presentation to The Community Foundation for Calderdale and are working closely with them to secure their support. Accordingly, we are exploring all possible avenues with Calderdale Council in order to secure the necessary funding. Representations have also been made to members of the government, including the Prime Minister, and we await their response.

We are lucky that significant offers of help have already been received from building companies which may offset some of the material costs, and we are currently exploring the detail of these.

Spring Ball for Spring Hall

Have you got your ticket for the most exclusive event of the year? The ball will be held at The Venue, Barkisland, on June 6th 2014 and tickets are £35. This includes a 4 Course Meal, live entertainment, raffle and charity auction. To reserve tickets, please contact admin@ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk

Did you know you can donate by text?

Text RSH14 and the amount you wish to donate to 70070



Buy-a-Brick: Ethan and Ellis' Christmas Gift

In a little over 4 weeks, the Buy-a-Brick scheme alone has generated over £7000 towards our target. Perhaps the most poignant proportion of this money was raised by Ethan Meadows and Ellis Oldroyd. The boys, sons of Jason Oldroyd, our Travel Trainer, chose to spend their Christmas money on bricks rather than on themselves. This is just one of a large number of



generous donations that have come in from across the Calderdale Community.

If you haven't already, you can Buy-a-Brick on our website using your credit or debit card. It couldn't be easier, and you'll be making a contribution towards the futures of hundreds of young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, and improving this community sports facility for all.

Amelia, Y7, who will hopefully benefit from the new Ravenscliffe@SpringHall



"It will enhance opportunities for both students and the wider Calderdale community"

Debbie Greenwood,
Disability Sport Development Officer

Become a Cornerstone or Keystone Funder

Would you like to become a Cornerstone and Keystone funder? A donation of £1000 or more makes you a Cornerstone funder, and we have already had a number of people who have been kind enough to do this. Keystone funders are those individuals, or groups of individuals, who donate £25,000 or more. We appreciate that this is a significant donation, however it may appeal to local businesses who are looking to make a real impact in their local community. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

"It will greatly benefit the community, and will give opportunities for people from all backgrounds to participate in sport"

Carol Cockroft,
Mayfield Trust

Our Challenges

This project presents significant challenge, especially as public and private finance remains tight in times of austerity and recession. We require significant funding to build Ravenscliffe@SpringHall and we are dedicated to sourcing this through fundraising activities and by attracting other forms of investment.

Community Challenge 1

Raise an additional
£700,000

This will allow us to build a state of the art facility with maximum community access out of hours.

November 2013



June 2014

Community Challenge 2

Raise a further
£500,000

This will allow us to fully equip the centre to fully cater for our students and the community.

July 2014



July 2015

Challenge 3

Generate
Income

Community use will help pay maintenance, cleaning, utility and development costs into the future.

July 2014



Onwards

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