



## Raising money for your children's benefit

### Can you help us reach our £100,000 target?

The Friends of Ranelagh have agreed to support the school in upgrading their IT infrastructure. As I'm sure you are aware, IT is a fast changing area and equipment needs constant upgrading. This project will include hardware, software, IT support and audio visual equipment. The cost of this project will be around £100,000, a target we aim to achieve in the next year. Sadly government funding is not available for this type of expenditure and without your help, this essential project will have to use funding from the teaching and learning budget, which we believe would be detrimental for our students. We hope to donate an initial £40,000 after Easter to get the project off to a good start. If you are not already donating to the Friends and would like to do so, please get in touch with us.

### Welcome

At the last trustees' meeting we were delighted welcome two new trustees, Lindsay Cooper and Laura Myers. We are very glad they have decided to join us and look forward to working together over the coming months.

### Help needed

The Friends need a volunteer independent examiner for our accounts. This is required by the Charity Commission and can be undertaken by someone with experience in accountancy or book keeping. More information about what it entails can be found on the Charity Commission website. If you have a few hours to spare in May or June and feel that you might be able to help with this role, please get in touch as soon as possible.

### How can I get in touch with the Friends of Ranelagh?

If you would like to get in touch with the trustees, then please contact us via the school office or by emailing [fordonations@ranelagh.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:fordonations@ranelagh.bracknell-forest.sch.uk). You can also contact us through the Friends of Ranelagh section on the school website where you will find an online enquiry form. You can find out more about the Friends by looking on the Charity Commission website [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk); our registered charity number is 1060543.

**Thank you to all our generous donors. Together we continue to do fantastic things for the benefit of Ranelagh's students.**