Dear Rockwellian,

As you may have heard at the Rockwell College Union “ Gathering” in Dublin last November and at the recent Annual Dinner in Clonmel, we are raising funds for a new 3G All-Weather Rugby facility in Rockwell College .

To date we have received donations from Past Pupils of just under **€500,000** and a huge thank you to the Past Pupils who have so generously supported the project to date.

The new facility is for the use of boys and girls in Rockwell and will be completed to the highest standards as laid down by World Rugby. It is a facility that Rockwell need to ensure the students can train and compete at the highest standards in schools rugby and safe guard the long standing tradition of rugby in the College. It is a facility that is already available in a number of schools around the country. It will also be available for use for other sports at the discretion of the College Principal.

Our enemy on this project has been timing and costs as between delays with Covid-19, Brexit/War in Ukraine and uncertain geopolitical position globally, inflation and increase in building costs, etc, the estimated costs for the project now are **€800,000**. This equates to **€650,000** for the pitch construction and covering, fencing, goal posts, dug-outs and pathway for machinery and players to access the pitch, and **€150,000** for the floodlights which are to a “night time game” standard.

In view of the above, we are now approaching the project on two phases with the pitch as Phase 1 and the lights to come later as Phase 2. As you will appreciate the lights are important to enable teams train on winter evenings after class.

The Principal, Board of Management and Trustees have given their approval for the project subject to all funds being lodged with Rockwell prior to any work commencing on site.

**We need** **YOUR SUPPORT NOW to raise €150,000** so we can complete Phase 1. The minimum donation that allows Rockwell claim tax relief is €250 and all Donors need to complete and return CHY4 Form attached. All donations are very welcome, big or small, and gratefully received but we would hope that some Past Pupils might donate larger sums to enable us progress with this project as soon as possible. **Please SUPPORT YOUR ALMA MATER.**

We have agreed with Donors and the College that the project needs to be completed or certainly well advanced by end next year (2024) and if not then Rockwell will return all donations.

We ask that you please make your donation now. Your donation should go directly to Rockwell College **by EFT** to:-

**ROCKWELL COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FUND A/C**

**IBAN:- IE03AIBK93506902435084**

**BIC:- AIBKIE2D**

**Complete attached CHY4 Form – very important you complete fully Part A & C and return this form.**

Also please email joan.kennedy@rockwellcollege.ie advising her of your donation together with your completed CHY4 Form and send the following message which has been agreed with the Principal:-

**My donation is on the basis that the development of the pitch is intended to support the provision of rugby primarily at Rockwell College and to enhance the provision of sports in general. To that end,** **boys and girls rugby will have priority of use, as the layout and design of the pitch will be for that purpose. PE class groups will also have regular access as is the case with the current all weather hockey and 5 a-side soccer pitches at Rockwell College. Use by all other sports and teams will be at the discretion of the College Principal, notwithstanding the need to protect the facility for the purpose for which it is designed and installed. As the facility is intended to be for the use of Rockwell College students, any hire to external groups will be permitted only at the discretion of the College Principal. In the event, for any reason, the all-weather pitch is not completed or well advanced by 31/12/2024, Rockwell College agree to refund contributions made to all Donors.**

**NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Or,

By **Cheque/Bank Draft made out to Rockwell College Development Fund with completed CHY4 Form and send with above message to Joan Kennedy, Finance Manager, Rockwell College, Cashel, Co Tipperary, E25F886.**

All donations will be personally acknowledged by Audrey O’Byrne (Principal).

Finally, Fr Noel Redmond is supporting us with this project and most of you know him well. A great Rockwell man and no better man to keep us both in check!

Please support Rockwell and make your donation this month. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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