Dyson in £19m gift

Billionaire inventor Sir James Dyson has given £19m to help build a new school in his former boarding school in Wales, in memory of his parents who funded his education when his dad died.

Bagless vac guru Sir James, 72, was a nine-year-old pupil at Gresham’s when his father Alec, a teacher there, died of cancer in 1966.

The independent school gave him and his brother scholarships to stay on.

Dad-of-three Sir James said he had always felt ‘extremely grateful’ to Gresham’s, in Holt, North Yorkshire, where the donation will fund a science, technology, engineering, arts and maths centre, opening in 2021.