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**Norfolk-born
Dyson invests
in robot future**

Cromer-born inventor and businessman Sir James Dyson is reported to have invested £5m to develop robot cleaners to help with household chores.

Sir James, who is an ex-pupil of Gresham's School, Holt, is understood to be putting the money into a new laboratory at Imperial College, London.

Up to 15 scientists will be hired to work on developing robot vision systems which Sir James hopes will lead to the creation of robot-controlled vacuum cleaners, according to The Guardian.



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Sir James, 66, who lives in Gloucestershire, most famously invented the first bagless vacuum cleaner, the Dual Cyclone Dyson, a quantum leap in vacuum cleaning technology.

He is known to have been working on a robot vacuum cleaner at his Malmesbury headquarters and research centre for nearly a decade and has said that the plan was to create "practical everyday technologies that will make our lives easier."

According to the most recent Sunday Times Rich List Sir James is worth £3bn.
