

# Sutton Grammar School PTA

## Spring'19 Half Term Newsletter



### Message from the Chair (Stephen Quayle)

Our last event, The International Evening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> was a resounding success. The parents and students that came in were able to sample a variety of cuisine not to mention the additional entertainment that was put on.

Our next event is the Quiz Night which is now being scheduled in the month of May. We also have the Mock Test coming up and we will be shortly sending out requests for volunteers to assist the teams. Please sign up for the dates in May and June, the Mock Tests bring in significant revenue for the school and your help is really appreciated.

Thanks to one and all for your continued hard work and support of SGS PTA events.

In our last meeting, the PTA has approved the following expenses/activities within the school:

£5,000	Annual PTA Support towards cost of STEM Technician,
£4,324.41	DSLR Camera kits and Wacom Graphics Tablets for Art/Photography lessons
£784.55	New amplifier and speakers for Sports Hall and Foyer for PE Department
£65	Timers for Cubing Club

### Mock Tests 2019

Preparations for Mock Tests are very much underway. This is our main fundraising activity for the school. To maintain operability and for this to be a continued success we do need many resources to fulfil the various roles needed to maintain this operation.

Please respond to the requests made by the Administration team and the Car Parking team. Whatever time you can support really helps and the earlier you confirm the easier it gets for the organisers.

## Events/Activities for which support is required.

Whilst the number of volunteers to support our big events is high, we do need help for smaller events and the ones that are coming up are:

May'19	Spring Quiz
Jun'19	Summer Raffle
14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Second-hand Uniform Sale at Northey (Sports Day)
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	New Yr 7 Welcome Evening (School Hall)
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	New Yr7 BBQ (Northey)

Please look out for requests for volunteers for these events. All assistance given is welcome and it is important that we continue to bring in new faces to avoid overloading existing volunteers.

## Easy Fundraising (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sqspta>)

Many thanks to those parents, teachers and governors that have registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk and are helping generate donations for the school. In the last 30 days you have raised £134.69

For those who do shopping on-line could you consider doing your shopping via Easy Fundraising?

Joining couldn't be easier, simply access Easyfundraising.org.uk through your web browser and, after registering, choose 'Sutton Grammar School for Boys PTA' as the charity you wish to support. When you shop on-line, instead of going direct to your on-line retailer, go first to easyfundraising.org.uk and then click through to your chosen retailer. This generates a cash reward that converts to a donation which is collected by Easyfundraising and then passed onto the PTA and the school; the price of goods you purchase is unaffected.

Join today and help raise money for the school the easy way.

## Second Hand Uniform

Please consider donating good quality uniform to the PTA. We will resell items with our next sale being during the Sports Day at Northey. All monies raised go to the school. Zero cost of supplies = 100% profit!

What to do:

- put clean uniform in a carrier bag marked PTA Uniform
- ask your son to leave it in the school office

## Classlist

For those parents who have registered on Classlist. **Thank You.** For others, please consider joining on this [link](#) as this website is designed with the PTA in mind and it provides a platform for the PTA to communicate with parents as well as parents within a Form to communicate within themselves or their year group. We now have over 262 parents who have registered.

### Benefits of Classlist:

- Making it easier for PTA to communicate with parents;
- Post messages and Announcements
- Fundraise and volunteer
- Easy to contact other parents in your child's Form
- Organise social events for your form (e.g. Coffee morning or even birthday parties)

## Next Meetings ...

The next two *General Meetings* will be held in Room 74 on

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 19:30

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jun at 19:30

The *AGM* and the first *General meeting* are scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep'19 - timings will be confirmed later.

We look forward to seeing you at PTA events and working together for the benefit of the school!

Many Thanks,

SGS PTA

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