

# Sutton Grammar School PTA

## Autumn'18 Start of Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

A warm welcome from the PTA at the start of another school year, especially to all the parents of the new Y7 and Y12 students, who now automatically become part of the PTA community.

We have an active and successful PTA which organises activities ranging from serving refreshments at school events, organising socials for parents and supporting Mock Tests. These events however rely on the participation and commitment of parents so please feel free to put yourselves forward to help. Any time you give is very much appreciated and makes a real difference. As is often said, 'many hands make light work' and adds to the fun within the events we organise.

With the start of the new school year, the PTA begins its cycle of organising fund-raising activities for the benefit of our students of the school. Please look out for information on these events. We look forward to hearing from you.

On the 24th September, we had the AGM and our first General Meeting. During the AGM there was an election of Trustees and the new line up for this year is as follows:

Stephen Quayle (Chair), Jon Flay (Vice-Chair), Patrick Jacobs (Treasurer), Kathy Bosland (Joint Secretary), James Humphrey-Evans (Joint Secretary), Cassian Mendes (Information Co-ordinator) and Robert Turner (Teachers Representative). Gordon Ironside continues as our president of the PTA. We particularly welcome Jon and Patrick who are new Trustees this year.

Since the last Newsletter, the PTA has approved the following expenses/activities within the school:

£13,130	CNC Router;
£5,000	Contribution towards a STEM technician;
£592.21	Dedicated video editing system;
£353.35	Storage facilities for GCSE/A level students & Drama Productions.

## Year Reps:

We welcome the new Year 7 Reps who are as follows:

7 Greyhound	7 Lenham	7 Manor	7 Throwley	7 Warwick
Bernice Choo	Kaushik Sanyal	Preeja Kugathasan	Tatiana Luzina	Yan Zhang
Liliana Cosaceno	Krithika Singh	Faiz Shaik	Laura Jonike	Emily Cambridge
Anila Bajwa	Sharmistha Ganguly	Yunfeng Wu	Louise Aikman	Kulsoom Sayed
Vipan Sud	Ritesh Chakraborty	Ajit Thakkar	Rama Mathanmohan	Khalid Aziz
Ludmila Ciripitca	Shalini Jani	Kandiah Theivendra	Amit Kumar Baheti	Fatim Kesvani
Yinka Asagba			Bijumon Ulahannan Polasserri	
			Mercy Doreen Prabhakaran	

Please support the Year Reps/Event Leads with any volunteering request. The earlier you come forward the better for the organisers as it frees them up to focus on the organisation rather than having to worry about the resourcing. So, please take up the chance to step forward and help during the year in whatever way you can.

## Requests from the School ....

**Football Referees:** Do you have a passion for refereeing and want to make sure the game is played by the rules? Then, officiating school games at Northey during the weekend could just fill the gap.

**Drivers:** We have school children who need to be driven to various camps during the year. Currently it is the teachers who do this. If you could help by driving a journey and/or could even stay over if needed to assist with the return journey it would greatly help.

Please [get in touch](#) with Mr. Ironside if you can help with any of the above request.

## Double 100 Club (Edyta Zjawiony)

The "Double 100 Club" is a great annual fund raiser with around two thirds of the income funding PTA projects, the rest paid out in prize money. There is a special one off additional prize of £20 for the person who draws the number 200.

For a one-off £10 payment, you could win a cash prize in the draws held during the year, AND you will be helping raise money for the PTA. First draw is in December, so click on the [link](#) to download the form to subscribe!

## Autumn Quiz Night (James Humphrey-Evans, Soraya Berry, Margaret Exelby)

Our first event of the year Autumn Quiz Night is on [Saturday 13th October](#). Communication on this due soon.

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

Many thanks to those parents (and teachers) that have registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk and are helping generate donations for the school. In the last 30 days you have raised £134.43.

Not a member?? 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 Christmas Fair and 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

## PTA Web Site (Cassian Mendes)

We do have an Exclusive Logon section on the PTA web site. This section has Decisions of meetings, Financial Summary as well as documentation on How to Run Events. A separate email has been issued by the office providing you with credentials to log-in in this section.

## Events

Below are the events that are on the PTA calendar, for which Event organisers will send emails separately requesting support. Please help if you can. It is really appreciated.

13 <sup>th</sup> October'18	Autumn Quiz Night
1 <sup>st</sup> December'18	Christmas Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> February'19	International Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> March'19	Spring Quiz Night

## Next Meetings ...

The next two General Meetings will be held in Room 74 (Sports Hall) on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 19:30  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 19:30

Finally...

For those parents who have registered on ClassList. **Thank You.** For others, please consider joining as this website is designed with the PTA in mind and it provides a platform for the PTA to communicate with parents and also for parents to communicate within Forms and within their Year group. We now have just over 220 parents who have registered. So uptake is good and we will extend this platform use for event co-ordination.

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

Many Thanks,

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