

Sutton Grammar School PTA

Summer'18 Half Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're approximately just around a month or so away until the end of the school year and this being the last Newsletter of the scholastic year, the PTA would like to thank all the parents who have given up their time in leading, administering, co-ordinating and supporting the various range of events the PTA undertakes.

The last three months of the school year is by far the most demanding when it comes to volunteering time, primarily due to the Mock Tests. We still have one day of Mock Tests left for the June session next Saturday.

In July, we do have the New Year7 meetings and additionally this year we need volunteers to support Big Bang Near Me Event. More information on these requests are within the newsletter.

Since the last newsletter, SGSPTA has approved funding for the following expenses/activities within the School:

£13,130	CNC Router
£5,000	STEM Technician 2017/18
£592.21	Dedicated Video Editing System for Art Dept/Photography Club
£353.25	Storage Facilities for Drama Productions

Currently, the administration side of the PTA is getting upper school year group heavy. The PTA does need parents/guardians from the lower school to help take on some of these administration tasks. Besides the treasurer function, these roles really do not need any specialist skill - only commitment in terms of time to see them through. If interested to see where you can help, please get in touch with the PTA on

info.sgspta@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk

Summer Raffle

Thanks to all who have supported the Summer Raffle, whose draw was held on the Sports Day. Our profit is under £800 which on comparison with the past years is a significant drop.

Hospitality for New Year 7 Parents evenings - Volunteers needed !! (Kim Darby)

This term we have two important hospitality events to welcome the 2018 new year 7s to Sutton Grammar. I hope you remember your time as a new parent with fondness and this is the chance to help others feel welcome. To run these events, we need all kinds of helpers. If you think you might be able to help in any way, please email info.sgspta@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk with your name, mobile, email address and area of helping.

We will be communicating over the coming weeks to confirm teams, times, and responsibilities. The event times are provided below as guidance. The best skill you can bring is a smile and two willing hands. See below on what is needed. Many thanks in advance!

1. Wednesday 11th July, in Main Hall, Y7 New Parents briefing 7:30pm - 9pm

Needed:

- Shopping for soft drinks, nibbles: (1 person, prior to the event day)
- Set up refreshments (2 persons, to begin set-up an hour or so before the event)
- Serve refreshments (4 persons)
- Clear up (2 persons)
- Talk to each Form about PTA events and collect names of those interested in being a Form representative and who can help with events. (5-10 persons)

2. Monday, 16th July at Northey, New Y7 BBQ and Sports talk from 6:30pm - 9pm (7:30pm presentation)

Needed:

- Shopping for food and drink (1 or 2)
- Transport supplies from school to Northey, Monday pm (1 or 2)
- Set up gazebos and BBQ (2)
- Cooking food (3)
- Serving food (4)
- Serving drinks (4)
- Clear up (4)

Big Bang Fair... Volunteers Needed !! (Jamie Costello)

On Saturday 14th July, Sutton Grammar, in collaboration with Sutton Borough Council and The Institute of Cancer, will be hosting the very first public Big Bang Near Me event. The fair runs for school pupils only on Friday 13th July and then members of the public on the Saturday.

There will be three main areas for people to visit. A Show in the main hall, Workshops in the maths block and a Science Exhibition in the sports hall. The Show and Workshops are ticketed events coordinated by the council through Eventbrite. The exhibition hall will be open access. We are expecting lots of guests on the day.

The school also doubles as the final destination for people who have completed the day's science trail. This starts at Sainsburys working up the high-street with many points of interest en-route. More details can be found here:

<https://www.enjoysutton.co.uk/the-big-bang/>

We are in need of ten volunteers to help manage the flow and safety of people on the day and to ensure guests are not accessing areas they ought not to be in Sutton Grammar School. The day runs from 11am until 3pm. For those interested in getting involved, please get in touch with Jamie Costello (Jcostello@suttonmail.org).

Attached with the Newsletter is a show guide for day. Parents will then be able to see what their children will be enjoying on the Friday.

With best wishes and many thanks for the work you do for the school.

Jamie Costello,
Director of STEM.

Second Hand Uniforms

STOCK NEEDED: Do you have SGS school uniform that your son has outgrown and is in good condition? Please donate it to the PTA! We will resell all school uniform (including games and PE kit) for about half price and proceeds go back to the school.

We will take any school uniform and keep it in stock. The uniform does not have to be from Cladish. We will resell anything of good quality (including monogrammed items).

Please send them in a carrier bag to the school office with a note attached - 'Uniform for PTA'. We have an opportunity to sell them at the New Year 7 BBQ evening that is coming up.

ClassLists

Over the last three years, the PTA have only maintained the Year/Form Rep information. Any communication for event support has gone via the office. In order to facilitate easier parent to parent communication across each Form and to organise social events like coffee morning the PTA plans to introduce ClassList at the beginning of the next school year.

Easy Fundraising

Many thanks to those parents that took the time to sign up, every time you shop on line via [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you are raising donations for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sgspta>

In the last 30 days, your cause has raised £117.55 and have a new supporter.

Next meetings

Meetings on the dates below:

- 24th September (Monday), 7:00pm AGM 6th Form Common Room
- 24th September (Monday), 7:30pm 6th Form Common Room

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

Finally...

As this school year ends, the PTA wishes the students who are leaving the school success in whichever career path that they chose. Thanks to all the parents whose sons are leaving the school for their support over the years. Remember we're always grateful for any help and support you can give, just get in contact via the email address below.

Many Thanks,

SGS PTA

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