

Sutton Grammar School PTA

Summer '18 Start of Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The PTA is entering one of its busiest period, wherein lots of assistance is required to support the Mock Test and to maintain the reputation that we have built over the preceding years. Additionally, we also have the Summer Raffle and the New Year 7 evenings coming up. Therefore, the call for your time to volunteer will be high. In comparison, the last half term has been relatively quiet with the Spring Quiz night being successfully conducted and the PTA serving refreshments during the Spring Concert.

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

£65,000	2019-20 Future Budget Commitment
£7,000	Second-hand Transit size van (Premises Team)
£6,000	New curtains for main hall windows
£858	20 exam desks
£99.98	Outdoor Spray Booth (Art)

The PTA requires leads in the below areas/activities to maintain continuity. If you could assist it would be very much appreciated.

- Assistant Treasurer
- Raffle Draws (Summer and Christmas)
- Double 100
- Second-hand Uniform

Mock Tests

Dates:

- May - 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th
- June - 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd
- August - 31st
- September - 1st

Car Parking:

The days of our Mock Tests are approaching and yet we still need a lot of volunteers to man the car park. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered but we need more to cover the gaps in the Car Park Teams.

If you can spare some time (morning or afternoon sessions) please log onto Doodle and fill in the slots that you are available. Although the May dates are our priority to resource at this stage, do consider volunteering for the June dates across all slots. To volunteer in:

May: <https://sgspta.doodle.com/poll/ux7pgcdhdvqedhek>

June: <https://sgspta.doodle.com/poll/kptmws6nm2b39ftu>

Thank you in advance for volunteering and the Car Parking team (sgscarparkteam@gmail.com) will get back to you with more information during the weeks prior to the Mock Tests you are helping on.

Summer Raffle (June Palmer)

Raffles sales do raise over £2000. The boys will be receiving their raffle tickets in due course. An email will be sent to parents when the Raffle tickets are handed over to the students. There is tendency to forget that they have received these tickets. Please do ask them about it and help the PTA by selling these to family and friends.

The tickets cost £1 each with the Draw being held at Northey at the end of the Sports Day on 15th June, with the prizes as follows:

1st Prize: £200

2nd Prize: £100

3rd Prize: £50 and

three prizes of £25 each and sponsored prizes.

If through your contacts you can help by sponsoring a prize then please get in touch with the PTA email.

Thank you from the school (Mr. Turner)

The PTA has recently funded the purchase of a transit van. Not only will this remove the need to hire a van for every Duke of Edinburgh trip (effectively paying for itself in three years), it is also enabling us to travel further afield for more demanding competitions. Year 12s are currently engaged in the GreenPower Racing competition; they are designing, building and racing an electric-powered racing car.

On 22nd April, the transit van was instrumental in transporting the car and all their tools and equipment to the test day at Dunsfold Park, Cranleigh. They had an amazing



day and learnt huge amounts ready for their first race in a month or so. This whole project would have been pointless without the ability to actually compete so the GreenPower team (and the staff) would like to

thank the PTA and all parents for this invaluable piece of funding.

Upcoming Events

The next scheduled PTA events are below:

- Second-hand Uniform Sale during Sports Day (Northey) - Friday 15th June
- New Year7 parents welcome evening (school hall) - Wednesday 11th July
- New Year7 parents BBQ (Northey) - Monday 16th July

Event specific request will follow in due course of time. Please volunteer to help on these activities.

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

During the last quarter of 2017/18 donations from Easy Fundraising brought in £330.37 for the PTA and school. There is plenty of scope for increasing this further and taking advantage of their many offers (see on-line) and it doesn't cost you at all.

If you are not already a member, why not join us. To register simply access Easyfundraising.org.uk through your web browser and 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, you first go to easyfundraising.org.uk, and then click through to your chosen retailer. This generates a donation which is then passed onto the school.

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

Next meetings

Our last meeting for the scholastic year will be held at 7:30pm in Room 74 on the date below:

- 11th June (Monday)

The first meetings of the next year will be on 24th September (Monday) with the AGM at 7pm followed by the PTA General Meeting at 7:30pm.

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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