

Sutton Grammar School PTA

Autumn 2019 Start of Term

Newsletter



A warm welcome from the PTA for another school year

Especially to all the parents of the new Y7 and Y12 students joining the PTA. 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 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.

What the PTA has been up to since the last newsletter

On the 23rd September, we had the Annual General Meeting 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), Mike Bosland (Joint Secretary), James Humphrey-Evans (Joint Secretary), Stephan Heitmeyer (Information Co-ordinator), Andrew Eldred (Support Director) and Robert Turner (Teachers Representative). We welcome our new president of the PTA, Ben Cloves, as well as Mike, Andrew and Stephan who are new Trustees this year.

The PTA approved the following expenses/activities last year

With the start of the new school year, the PTA begins its cycle of organising fund-raising and social activities for the benefit of our students of the school. Here is an overview of where funds went last year.

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| £12,980 | Protective Flooring For Sports Hall | £2,554.80 | Netball Posts |
| £220 | Contribution towards cost of accommodation for Greenpower Trip – International Final | £4324.41 | DSLR Camera kits and Wacom Graphics Tablets and pens for Art/Photography lessons |
| £576.58 | Art Dept. – Frames for display of artwork around the school and applied faculty success story posters outside computer labs. | £65,000 | Special Budget Support for 2018/19. The main elements include shared costs on: Coach and Minibus costs. Department cost/text books. |
| £5,000 | Annual PTA Support towards cost of Stem Technician | £575.75 | PTA Sponsorship towards cost of Greenpower 2019 Car Build. |
| £400 | Sports Dept. – Additional kit for SGS Basketball use. | £784.55 | New amplifier and speakers for the Sports Hall and Foyer for use by the PE Dept |

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| £65 | Cubing Club Timers | £228.24 | Replacement Athletics Vests for School Teams |
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Double 100 Club

Please find attached below a form for this current year's Double 100 Club. It is a great way to support the pupils of SGS, especially if you can't give up any of your time to volunteer for any of the other fundraising events. Two thirds of all proceeds raised go directly to the school, the remainder is paid out in prizes. The first draw will be in November so please reply beforehand. Forms should be given in to the school office.
PTA Lead - June Palmer

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

Many thanks to those parents (and teachers) that have registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk and are helping generate donations for the school.

Not a member?? Joining couldn't be easier, simply access Easyfundraising.org.uk through your web browser and, after registering, choose 'Sutton Grammar School' 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 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 re-sell items with our next sale being during the Christmas Fair and all monies raised go to the school. What to do: Put clean uniform in a carrier bag marked PTA Uniform, and then ask your son to leave it in the school office.

Christmas Raffle Tickets - Coming out in November

The annual Christmas Raffle tickets will be distributed to every pupil towards the middle of November. Again, please help us raise as much as possible. Each ticket is £1 and you can buy as many as you like. The pupils do have a tendency to leave the tickets in their school bags so please ask to see them. It's amazing how many parents are even unaware there is a Christmas or Summer Raffle! PTA Lead - June Palmer

Coming Events in 2019

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. We also support school events by serving refreshments and these are included below

October 16th - Borough Cross Country Event (at Northey) - serving refreshments

October 30th - Year 7 Social - serving refreshments

December 5th - Christmas Concert - serving refreshments

December 6th - Mufti Day

December 7th - Christmas Fair

Year 7 Reps 2019/20

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

| 7 Greyhound | 7 Lenham | 7 Manor | 7 Throwley | 7 Warwick |
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| Natalia Martynawa | Lubna Hakim | Charlotte Manchola | Debasish Tripathy | Vijathevan Rajaratnam |
| Samira Tanzeen | Santosh Varma | Jyothsna Praveen | Leigh Robinson | Christeen Kirubakaran |
| Yaodong Song | Aaliya Wasty | Momina Zaman | Muneeswaran Raju | Mia Andrews |
| | Stefka Dimitrova | Natalie Parsons | Tharmalingam Thevakumar | Sehar Kidwai |
| | | Sejal Patel | Karen Sanchez | Oana Merla |
| | | Pushpamala Subramaniam | Jozef Secnik | Fatin Mohsin |
| | | Kuppusamy Kumararatnam | S Chandra | Tamana Shirzai |

Please support the Year Reps/Event Leads especially for the forthcoming Christmas Fair. We need numbers volunteering for both the Mufti Day that precedes the Fair, and for the Fair itself on the 7th December. Look out for e mails.

Want to help coordinate and run a stall? Join the team by sending email to info@sgspta.com

Mock Test Update 2019

The mock tests 2019 are all finished and we thank all those who helped make them successful. They provide both a valuable service and much needed funds for your son's school. We are now in the process of planning the tests for 2020 and hope lots of you will come forward to help invigilate and car parking when we ask for volunteers early next year.

Best Wishes, Debbie Gates and Caroline Perkins (mock test administrators)

General Information and Volunteering

The PTA is powered by parents like you! If you have any questions, ideas for improvement, or would like to help out, send a note to info@sgspta.com. Don't forget we also have a Facebook page - so please sign up to it as well. You will find us on (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/sgspta/>)

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

Many thanks

SGS PTA E mail: info@sgspta.com

DOUBLE 100 CLUB



SGSPTA

Dear Parents,

You, yes YOU, could win prizes!

Join the draw and help raise money for the School.

The “**Double 100 Club**” is a great annual fund raiser, with around two thirds of the income being used for SGSPTA funded projects within the School, the remainder paid out in prize money. There is a special one off additional prize of £20 for the person allocated the number 200, when the numbers are randomly assigned to subscriptions.

For a one-off payment of £10 per subscription, you are entered into all draws held during the School year. There are four prizes in each draw ranging up to **£100**, depending upon the number of subscriptions for the year. The first draw takes place in November/December.

Subscription

If you wish to join, please send your subscription to the School Office, using the tear off slip below. Cheques should be made payable to ‘**SGS PTA**’, or the correct amount of cash enclosed, and the envelope marked ‘**For the attention of SGS PTA – Double 100**’.

You may of course apply for **more** than one £10 subscription if you wish. Each subscription will have a separate membership number and increase your chance of winning. A card will be issued with your membership number(s) for the year, prior to the first draw.

To: ‘**Sutton Grammar School PTA – Double 100**’

I/We wish to apply for subscriptions to “SGSPTA Double Hundred Club 2019/2020”

Parent’s name: Tel No:

Additional name if required:

Son’s name: Form.....

Quantity of subscriptions:

Cash/Cheque* enclosed: £..... Signature.....

(£10 for each subscription please, cheques payable to SGSPTA)

For SGSPTA use:

Received: Membership Number(s):

(*Delete as applicable)