

Sutton Grammar School PTA

Autumn 2022 Newsletter No.2



Tuesday, 18 October 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are grateful to everyone who attended our first PTA meeting of the new school year on 28 September and voted through School funding requests totalling almost £175,000. This is the largest amount ever awarded in one go, and much needed in the present climate. Special thanks also go to Sue Springate and her Refreshments team for supporting all the Meet the Tutor events taking place last week and this week, and to all those who have made donations to the PTA on those evenings.

A warm welcome to new PTA trustees, Keith Robinson, Rita Mankertz and Ramprasad Jayarman, who join the existing team of Patrick Jacobs, Rama Mathanmohan, Mike Bosland and Andrew Eldred. We are always on the look-out for others interested in playing a more hands-on role in the PTA, and so if you are at all curious about this then please contact chair@sgspta.com for a (no obligations) chat.

Second-hand uniform sale – Friday 21 October. Sales are taking place in the School Hall this Friday, **between 3.00 and 4.00pm**. Both cash and card payments will be accepted. Parking in the playground is not possible, unfortunately. More details about what we sell and how to donate items can be found here: <https://www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk/pta/fundraising-activities/second-hand-uniform>.

If you are interested in purchasing uniform, but cannot make Friday's sale, then please email your request to: secondhanduniform@suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk.

Christmas Raffle – donate a prize. This term's Raffle is being run to help pay for **new audio-visual equipment** for School assemblies, concerts, plays and other events. Virtual tickets will go on sale via ParentPay the week after everyone returns from the half-term break. In the meantime, the Raffle team are inviting Form groups and/or individuals to donate prizes – please see overleaf for more details. Queries can be sent to raffles@sgspta.com.

Next PTA meeting rescheduled to Thursday 17 November. Further details to follow after the half-term break.

Quiz Night, Saturday 10 December – start picking your teams now! The new date for this term's Quiz Night is 10 December. This event provides a great opportunity to meet and get to know other parents, as well as being a lot of fun. Full details about how to sign up will be published during the first week back from half term, but, in the meantime, why not start recruiting your team and register your interest with quiz.night@sgspta.com?

Calling all volunteers. The PTA can't raise money, or do anything very much at all, without the commitment of parents like you who agree to serve refreshments, assist with second-hand uniform sales, help with Mock Tests car parking, etc., etc. If you think you can find a bit of time to help out at any of our activities or events, then please let us know now by contacting one or more of the following:

- refreshments.team@sgspta.com
- uniform.sales@sgspta.com
- car.parking@sgspta.com

Amazon Smile. An easy way for parents, grandparents, students and others to help raise money for the School is to sign up to [Amazon Smile](#) and name Sutton Grammar School Parent Teacher Association as your nominated charity. Every time you then make a purchase via the Amazon Smile website or App, the PTA will receive a donation at zero cost to you. A similar arrangement is also available for a wide range of online retailers *via* [easyfundraising](#).

Many thanks, SGS PTA

Email: info@sgspta.com

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=107731799250266>

Web: <https://www.suttongrammar.sutton.sch.uk/pta/welcome-to-the-pta>

PTA Christmas Raffle 2022

We need YOUR help to buy new Audio-visual Equipment to benefit all our children



Once again, it will soon be time to launch our school PTA Christmas Raffle. Traditionally, with your help, this has always been a very successful fundraiser for the school and this year we would like it to be no exception, especially as the money raised will be used for such an important resource.

The School is badly in need of new audio-visual equipment for the Hall and Drama Studio. Purchasing this will make a big difference to assemblies, concerts, plays and other events, benefiting everyone in the School.

Do you own your own business or work for a company which would be willing to donate a prize?

As a Form group, could you write to or visit companies asking for a donation, or can you organise between you a small collection to buy a gift to donate as a prize? For our Raffle to be a success, we are asking if each Form group can source and bring a Raffle prize donation to the School Office by **Thursday 10 November**.

As a PTA, we are currently sourcing a TOP PRIZE which will be attractive to our whole School community – watch this space! The PTA can also provide a letter supporting any request to a business to donate a prize.

Your smaller Form prizes could include a voucher for a meal/café or coffee shop, for an entertainment/day out, for a high street or online retail shop, or a smaller item such as a book, game, electrical item.... the list is endless! We just ask you are mindful of the type of prizes that would be attractive to our School community and that the children of winning families will need to carry the prizes home, potentially on public transport.

Tickets for the Raffle will be available to purchase from the week beginning Monday 14 November via ParentPay and at some School events. A full list of prizes and details about when the prize draw will be performed will also be published then.

A HUGE thank you in advance for all your support. Between us, let's make this year's Christmas Raffle a great success.

Sutton Grammar School PTA Raffles Team

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