

AGM Chair Report 6th February 2019

During my third year as chair it has been another eventful year for the PA with a renewed focus to raise funds for the school. With the introduction of the hugely success Arts Show the PA was able to generate a bigger community wide attendance and raise some excellent funds towards the 6th Form refit.

Through events and meetings we continually meet new parents and we are always grateful for willingness and offers of help to support these. I would like to thank everyone who has so kindly offered their help and created such fun, enjoyable times at these event.

With the enthusiasm of the PA team we have provided refreshments at the school performance of 'Into The Woods' – and even encouraged everyone to dress in themed outfits; provided refreshments at a very hot Sports Day; spoken and welcomed new year 7 parents at the re-vised First Impressions Evening and trialled a new approach to helping these parents keep in touch by setting up WhatsApp form groups. Members have organised and run the fabulous Art Show and our annual Wine and Wisdom event was great fun and a more successful fundraising evening with the PA cooking all the food.

As new people step up to take on roles within the PA and new positions have been created to help spread the workload with the expanding calendar of events planned, there must be a special mention to Denise Abel, Lisa Cresswell, Rebecca Hedges and Chris Bloor for the incredible work they put into the very professional Art Show. They have set the standard high now!

Thanks to Gill Shapland our secretary who is standing down from her role this year and special thanks to Andrew Medhurst our Treasurer who is passing on the accounts books this year. Andrew is an integral member of the PA and we are grateful for all that he has done for the PA and very pleased that he will be remaining with us as vice treasurer (and bar man when other commitments allow).

The Parents' Council is a success due to the involvement of the head and deputy head, Pete Lawrence and Lindsey King. They provide us with a fantastic opportunity to raise issues and questions with senior management and we thank them both for their involvement and support.

Although the PA was not a fund raising organisation when I first became chair, it is with excitement that we begin this coming year with several events planned and hopes of raising some much needed money for the school.

Many thanks

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