

## HSPA Bulletin

### Michaelmas Term 2010

**Welcome** to the first HSPA Bulletin of the 2010/11 academic year. This edition is to introduce you to the Reps and Helpers for each Year group, and to give you some key dates for your diary.

**Wine tasting evening – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November.** Tickets costing £17.50 per person (£35 per couple) are now available for our Wine Tasting evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall. This will be a fun opportunity to socialise informally with other parents while tasting some great wines. To book your tickets, send an email to your Year group ticket coordinator below. Tickets will be posted out to you on receipt of your cheque. Please state the number of tickets and your postal address in the email.

Year 7 – Clare Durward - [clare.durward@btconnect.com](mailto:clare.durward@btconnect.com)

Year 8 – Ladan Jalali - [ladanyazdi@googlemail.com](mailto:ladanyazdi@googlemail.com)

Year 9 – Barbara Salmon - [Barbarasalmon4@aol.com](mailto:Barbarasalmon4@aol.com)

Year 10 – Anne-Marie Baker - [anne-marie@thebakertribe.com](mailto:anne-marie@thebakertribe.com)

Year 11 – Kimberly Gilmour - [GILMOK@gosh.nhs.uk](mailto:GILMOK@gosh.nhs.uk)

Year 12 – Goga Fox - [info@croatia-villas.com](mailto:info@croatia-villas.com)

Year 13 – Anne-Marie Baker – [anne-marie@thebakertribe.com](mailto:anne-marie@thebakertribe.com)

**Senior School Reps** – we have had a fantastic response to our request for Reps and Helpers for the Year groups. Your Reps will be in touch with you shortly to invite you to social evenings to help you get to know other parents in your Year group. They are also your point of contact with the HSPA, and will help you to keep up to date with the events organised for you. Please see your Reps and Year group Helpers listed below.

**A big “thank you”** to parents in Years 7, 9 and 12 for your kind donations to the Kenyan Orphan Project at the Parents’ Information Evenings held in September. As a result of your generosity, we have been able to give KOP £274.20 to put toward their “Making Tracks” appeal, which aims to raise awareness and funds for their work with children orphaned through Aids, through a November bike ride from Nairobi to Kisumu. For more information, see [www.kopafrica.org](http://www.kopafrica.org)

**HSPA Open Meeting** – the next meeting of the HSPA is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the Mills Centre. All are welcome to attend, or you can ask one of your Reps to raise a matter for you if you are unable to attend in person. Please advise the Chairman of any matters you would like raised at least one week before the Open Meeting.

**To contact your class Reps**, please use the email addresses provided on your class list. Alternatively, please email Caroline Woollard to be put in touch. If you would like to offer to be a Rep or Helper for your year group, or if you would like to give us your feedback, please contact [hspachair@highgateschool.org](mailto:hspachair@highgateschool.org). Thank you.

**See overleaf for list of Year Reps, Helpers and contact details for HSPA Officers.**

## HSPA Reps and Helpers 2010

<b>Year 7 Reps and Helpers</b> Judy Knox Ina Voloshin Rowan Howard Marlina Hellebo Catherine Monaghan Kathryn Tansey Lesley Vishnick Clare Durward Helen Rose Dorcas De Deney Linda Allinson	<b>Year 8 Reps and Helpers</b> Patti Cabrera Alison Turner Claire Sive Ladan Jalali Elizabeth Knowles
<b>Year 7 Parents' Social evening</b> Monday 8 November, 7.30pm, hosted by Patsy Rapley at the Old Crown, Highgate Hill. Contact Judy Knox or Lesley Vishnick <a href="mailto:jandjknox@gmail.com">jandjknox@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:lesley@lesleyvishnick.co.uk">lesley@lesleyvishnick.co.uk</a>	<b>Year 8 Parents' Social evening</b> Wednesday 3 November, 7.30pm at Claire Sive's house. Contact Claire Sive - <a href="mailto:claire.dickson@btinternet.com">claire.dickson@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Year 9 Reps and Helpers</b> Linda Allinson Antoinette Alyan Fiona Baldry Janet Hurford Laura Kpodonu Mimi Raschke Sarah Robson Sonya Winner Lucy Darwin	<b>Year 10 Reps and Helpers</b> Maria Stannard Anne-Marie Baker Josie Thomas
<b>Year 9 Parents' Social evening</b> Thursday 11 November, 7.30pm at Lucy Darwin's house. Contact Janet Hurford <a href="mailto:mjjmhurford@hotmail.com">mjjmhurford@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Year 10 Parents' Social evening</b> Thursday 25 November, timing and venue to be confirmed. Contact Anne-Marie Baker <a href="mailto:anne-marie@thebakertribe.com">anne-marie@thebakertribe.com</a>
<b>Year 11 Reps and Helpers</b> Ruth Hillary Kimberley Gilmour Jacqui Gowers	<b>Year 12 Reps and Helpers</b> Josie Thomas Jane Anderson Betsy Tobin Tessa Strivens Mariachiara Butt
<b>Year 11 Parents' Social evening</b> Thursday 2 December, 7.30pm at Melanie & Daniel Samuels' house. Contact Ruth Hillary <a href="mailto:ruth@corporatesustainability.co.uk">ruth@corporatesustainability.co.uk</a>	<b>Year 12 Parents' Social evening</b> Tuesday 2 November, 7.30pm at Jane Anderson's house. Contact Jane Anderson <a href="mailto:janderson@axiom.co.uk">janderson@axiom.co.uk</a>
<b>Year 13</b> Nina Constantinou Jean Morton	<b>If Y13 parents would like a social evening organised,</b> please email <a href="mailto:hspachairman@highgateschool.org.uk">hspachairman@highgateschool.org.uk</a>
<b>Leavers Ball Coordinators</b>	Nina Constantinou and Kalli Hadjateras (Y13)
<b>School Uniform Sale</b>	Jean Morton and Laura Kpodonu (Y13 and Y9)
<b>Work Experience Directory</b>	Karen Stephens, HSPA Co Vice-Chair
<b>Wine Tasting Evening Coordinator</b>	Simon Malster, HSPA Co Vice-Chair

### HSPA OFFICERS

Chairman: Caroline Woollard [hspachair@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspachair@highgateschool.org.uk)  
 Co Vice Chairs: Simon Malster & Karen Stephens [hspavicechair@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspavicechair@highgateschool.org.uk)  
 Treasurer: Richard Lloyd-Owen [hspatreasurer@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspatreasurer@highgateschool.org.uk)  
 Communications Coordinator: Robert Edge [hspacommunications@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspacommunications@highgateschool.org.uk)

**Calendar of HSPA Events**  
**Michaelmas Term 2010**

<b>November 2010</b>				
Tuesday 2 Nov	19:30	Y12 Parents Social Evening	Jane Anderson's home	Jane Anderson
Wednesday 3 Nov	15:30- 16:30	School Uniform Sale	Mills Centre	Jean Morton or Laura Kpodonu
Wednesday 3 Nov	19:30	Y8 Parents Social Evening	Claire Sive's home	Claire Sive
Monday 8 Nov	19:30	Y7 Parents Social Evening	Hosted by Patsy Rapley at the Old Crown, Highgate Hill	Judy Knox or Lesley Vishnick
Tuesday 9 Nov	20:00	HSPA Open Meeting	AV Room, MC	HSPA Chairman
Thursday 11 Nov	19:30	Y9 Parents Social Evening	Lucy Darwin's home	Lucy Darwin or Janet Hurford
Thursday 18 Nov	19:30	HSPA Wine Tasting evening all parents invited	Dining Hall	Ticket coordinator – Anne-Marie Baker
Monday 22 Nov	19:00	Pastoral Presentation for Parents - Julie Johnson "Virtual Revolutions – Young People and Technology"	Dyne House Auditorium	Flyer to be sent to parents
Thursday 25 Nov	Tbc	Y10 Parents Social Evening	To be confirmed	Anne-Marie Baker
Monday 29 Nov	19:00	Pastoral Presentation for Parents – Substance Abuse	Big School	Flyer to be sent to parents
<b>December 2010</b>				
Thursday 2 Dec	Tbc	Y11 Parents Social Evening	Melanie & Daniel Samuels' home	Ruth Hillary
Friday 3 Dec	07:30 – 10:30	Charity Christmas Gift Fair – great time to buy your Christmas gifts! Parents from Senior School are welcome.	Dining Hall	Highgate Pre-Prep & Junior School PA

**Chair:** Caroline Woollard [hspachair@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspachair@highgateschool.org.uk)  
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 Karen Stephens  
**Communications:** Robert Edge [hspacommunications@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspacommunications@highgateschool.org.uk)  
**Treasurer:** Richard Lloyd-Owen [hspatreasurer@highgateschool.org.uk](mailto:hspatreasurer@highgateschool.org.uk)

## Minutes of HSPA Meeting Tuesday 7 September 2010

Attending: 30 parents were in attendance (a full list of names can be obtained from HSPA Communications Co-ordinator on request).

1. Meeting called to order at 8pm with Welcome from Caroline Woollard (CW), Chair. CW laid out some preliminary objectives for HSPA this year including reinvigorating class rep system, reviewing PA activities to make them more relevant and encourage greater parent participation and improving communications with parents. It was also proposed to work more closely with the Pre-Prep and Junior School PA to help parents' transition from the Junior to the Senior School. CW welcomed the Chairs of the JS and PP PA to the HSPA meeting.
2. New Communications Coordinator, Robert Edge (RE), proposed by Jean Morton (JM), seconded by Karen Stephens (KS) and adopted.
3. Todd Lindsay (TJL) provided dates for Parent Information Evenings, namely:
  - a. Sep 14th - Y7, 6:00pm
  - b. Sep 15th - Y12, 6:00pm
  - c. Sep 21st - Y9, 6:00pm, all to be held in DHA followed by BS

TJL requested some representation from class reps that could inform parents of the activities of the PA and has asked CW to speak at these meetings. Volunteers were sought for class reps and some were made at the meeting (names provided in Contact List). It was decided that the next communication from the PA would include a request to the greater parent body for further class rep volunteers with a deadline date and means of conveying interest. Also it was felt that some kind of flyer or pamphlet detailing the activities of the PA could be distributed at these meetings to encourage greater participation. Lucy Darwin volunteered to hold a social evening for reps at her home and a date is being sought.

4. JM spoke of plans for a second hand uniform sale to be held the following day at Mallinson SC with a further date being sought in November as well as in the new year.
5. Simon Malster (SM) spoke of plans to hold a Wine Tasting Evening following the success of the Summer Bar-b-q for Y6-8. . Proposed evening is Thursday 18th November at 7:30pm in the Dining Hall. Flyer and poster to be designed and SM invited those interested in helping organize the event to contact him direct.
6. Further Pastoral Evenings for Parents are planned by the School and the HSPA and topics were solicited from the meeting. Suggestions included Computer Gaming Addiction, Eating Disorders, Managing Party Scenes, Internet Safety and Drugs and Alcohol. TL requested that parents also help with finding good speakers for these events.
7. Richard Lloyd-Owen (RL-O) gave the Treasurer's Report detailing surpluses generated from second hand uniform sales, Quiz night and June BBQ used to offset cost overrun on the Summer Ball (which was planned for). See attached report. CW felt surplus cash balances were necessary in order to prepay any event expenditures. A discussion ensued on what HSPA funds could be used for (see below). CW thanked RL-O for his report.

8. CW presented a proposal to develop charitable giving from HSPA using initially the PA funds to either support existing charities that already have a relationship to the School or invite parents to propose new local charities or support sports people in the local community. A discussion followed on whether funds should be used in this way or channeled to support activities in the School. KS reflected that in order for charitable giving to be recognized as part of the School's Public Benefit, the funds would have to be distributed by the School instead of by HSPA. New events specifically targeted for charitable giving could be held so that parents knew up front what they were contributing towards. RL-O proposed a two-track option to essentially do both. CW was to review the options discussed and circulate a new proposal. In the meantime parents were requested to propose any charities they wished to support. A request for donation from the charity Kenyan Orphan Project set up by a former Highgate, student was discussed and generally it was felt worthwhile making a contribution through donations being invited at the three forthcoming Parents' Information Evenings.
9. Nina Constantinou (NC) gave a report on the Summer Ball which had been well attended and viewed as a success. The event incurred a deficit which was covered by the School in a prior agreement with the HSPA. . CW thanked NC and her team for organizing the event.
10. KS has agreed to take on the role of expanding the Work Experience Directory.
11. A reminder was made that senior school parents were invited to attend the junior school's Christmas Fair to be held on Friday December 3rd at 7:30pm.
12. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting was set for November 9th at 8:00pm.

Robert Edge  
Communications Coordinator  
September 9, 2010

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## AGENDA

### Open Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 At 7.45 for 8.00pm

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Formal appointment of HSPA Communications Coordinator
3. Parents' Information Evenings
  - a. Sep 14<sup>th</sup> – Y7, 6.00pm – DHA then BS
  - b. Sep 15<sup>th</sup> – Y12, 6.00pm – DHA then BS
  - c. Sep 21<sup>st</sup> – Y9, 6.00pm – DHA then BS
4. Planning for Autumn Term events
  - a. Second-hand uniform sale – 8<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30pm, MC
  - b. Social evening for Reps
  - c. Wine tasting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm
  - d. Pastoral evenings/Parental Discussion
5. Financial Report
6. Charitable giving proposal (see attached paper or click on link [http://www.highgateschool.org.uk/media/AboutUs/hspa\\_charitable\\_giving\\_proposal.pdf](http://www.highgateschool.org.uk/media/AboutUs/hspa_charitable_giving_proposal.pdf) ) and appeal letter from Kenyan Orphan Project
7. Summer Ball Report
8. Work Experience Directory
9. AOB
10. Date of next meeting - 9th November – 20.00 - MC