

HSPA

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Dear Parents

As we look forward to a long, and hopefully hot, Summer holiday I would like to take a moment to introduce you to the new people at the Highgate School Parents' Association. For next term, the team is:

Caroline Woollard	Chairman
Simon Malster and Karen Stephens	Joint Vice-Chair
Richard Lloyd-Owen	Treasurer

We are now looking for someone among the parents who would like to help us with our communications. This person has historically been called the Secretary but we are looking for someone who can help communicate the work of the PA to the parent body. If you can help with this important task, I would welcome hearing from you.

For next term, we are looking at building on some of the work the HSPA has done in 2009/10. In particular, we are concerned to make the work of the PA relevant and supportive to those in the younger year groups and those who are just joining the Senior School. For example, at the Parental Discussion evening for Y7-9 in June, parents were given the opportunity to hear about the experiences of parents from older year groups and help each other with teenage socialising and partying issues. The feedback from the 50 parents who took part was universally positive and we plan to do more of these events over the coming academic year.

We are also keen to improve communications generally between parents within the year groups. I am delighted to see that we have already had a very positive response from the new Year 7 parents who have offered to continue as Reps, and I would like to invite more parents to play an active role as a Rep. If you have been a Rep before, or are a current Rep for any year group in the Senior School, I would like to invite you to attend the first HSPA meeting of the new term on **Tuesday 7 September** at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Mills Centre. All parents are welcome to attend and are invited to help in the future development of the HSPA.

I would like to thank Stewart Sether and Ronnie Day, the outgoing Chairman and Secretary respectively, for all the events they have organised and all they have done for the HSPA. They are now taking a well deserved break after giving many years of their time and support to the PA.

Finally, I wish you all a happy holiday and a well earned break from the pressure of seemingly endless revision. I look forward to meeting many of you at the meeting of the HSPA on 7 September. In the meantime, if you have any matters you would like raised at our next meeting please feel free to email me.

With best wishes,

Caroline Woollard
HSPA Chairman