

HIGHGATE SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

A new school year has started and the Parents Association has some new committee members who are bubbling over with good ideas for you and your children to get more out of the school this year. Suggestions include:

Pupils vs. parents sporting events to show off the fabulous new sports facilities and use the new Astroturf courtsanyone for tennis?

A parent's class night out - a particularly useful way to get to know other parents if your child did not come up through the junior school.

Class reps needed for years 7 & 8 !!!!!

So if any parents would like to help us to organise events or find out more about what we do, please come to the next HSPA committee meeting on **Tuesday 10th November at 8.00 p.m.** at the Mills Centre. The meetings are informal and are also a convivial way to meet other parents.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 6TH NOVEMBER AS-NEW UNIFORM SALE
Come to the Mills Centre at 3.30pm - 4.30pm to catch a bargain!
If you have any (clean) unwanted uniform items for the sale, please drop them off in a labelled bag at the front desk of Big School. Blazers and the new track suits are particularly wanted. Please email the hspasecretary@highgateschool.org.uk if you are free to help with setting up for the sale.]

- 10th NOVEMBER PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING 8PM
We hold the meetings in the Mills Centre, All suggestions and offers of help are welcome so join us for a glass of wine and help us to "make a difference".

○ 21st NOVEMBER QUIZ NIGHT, DINING HALL 7PM

The HSPA Annual Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 21st November in the School Dining Hall.

The occasion combines a dinner with wine alongside a great piece of entertainment provided for us by a brand new team of professional quizmasters - and all for only £20!

Tables are booked for either eight or ten parents and each table competes with the others including at least one team of teachers. If you are new to the school this is a great way to meet up with other parents.

If you wish to consider making up a table now is the time to do so. Otherwise the HSPA Committee will be pleased to allocate your team table for you.

The Invitation Form will be emailed to all parents on the HSPA mailing list. This is always a sell-out so don't forget to send back your reply early.

○ OCTOBER to DECEMBER - HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BLUE BOOK

Delve into your School calendar (the famous Blue Book) and you will always spot a few interesting events and activities that parents are always warmly welcomed to attend. Here are a few selected highlights in the weeks running up to the end of term and don't forget to lend your (vocal) support to our football and netball players most Saturdays:

Music

Evensong for Remembrance Sunday (8th Nov)

Y7, 8 and 9 Concert (11th Nov)

Battle of the Bands (18th Nov)

Choral, Orchestral and Band Concert (24th Nov)

Service of Lessons and Carols (14th Dec)

Carols in Pond Square (15th Dec)

Visiting Speakers

The Planck and Herschel Missions

Professor Matt Griffin

(12th Nov)

Mathematics, Magic and the Electric Guitar

Dr. David Acheson

(9th Dec)

Drama
Sweeney Todd
(9th - 11th Dec.)

Best wishes,

Stewart Sether,
HSPA Chair

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You can contact us by email at any time and we will normally get back to you within a day.