



Saint GREGORY'S
Bath

PTFA News



It's bold to state that the Saint Gregory's Parent Teacher and Friends Association is about hopes and aspirations as well as cakes and coffee mornings. But it is. It's about the investment of a small amount of time, expertise or money meaning the whole community can reap the dividends. We have ambitious plans for the future and we genuinely believe that a strong parent support body is the best possible way for Saint Gregory's to support your child's education. An exhaustive list of the nice-to-have lovely **EXTRA** things sits on the laptop of every Head of Department. The truth is that the current climate in education simply doesn't allow for extravagances — **BUT** the PTFA does allow a bit of wriggle room for those **lovely-to-have** extras. It means Ms Cusack can say 'let's see if the PTFA can fund it'. The PTFA loves to be able to say yes to such requests.



The PTFA needs you to consider volunteering your time, your skills or your money to our shared cause.

The great news is that you are already a member of the Saint Gregory's PTFA!

Remember

Other parents are likely to face some of the same challenges as you on your parenting journey and this could be your chance to connect with them.

Activate your membership

- ★ join the 100 club
- ★ sign up to Easy Fundraising
- ★ commit your skills

Feel involved in something as important as your child's education. You don't have to feel disconnected from the journey.

Consider investing YOUR time and YOUR commitment to OUR community. Get involved. Let's see what we can achieve together!

How we support Saint Gregory's...



Projects that the PTFA have supported in the past include:

- ★ Contribution to the construction of the sixth form Gateway Building
- ★ The purchase of five indoor table tennis tables
- ★ Prize-giving rewards for students
- ★ Contribution towards the purchase of all-weather table tennis tables

In 2019, the PTFA committee, in consultation with students, staff and senior leaders have committed to supporting:

- ★ End of year Reward's Day activities
- ★ A donation to the Prom Committee to pay for a magician and balloon arch at their prom
- ★ A new lighting desk for the Performing Arts team
- ★ New chef's shirts for the Food Technology students
- ★ Specialist computers for the SEND faculty

Building on this success!

Some of our favourite fundraisers in the past have included:

- ★ Quiz night
- ★ Cheese & wine party
- ★ Pop-up bars for performing art shows
- ★ Ice skating rink
- ★ Ceilidh
- ★ School discos

What would you like to see on this list?

- ★ School uniform sales
- ★ Christmas Arts Fair
- ★ Summer Festival
- ★ Gin-tasting evenings
- ★ Cookery classes
- ★ Auction of Promises

PTFA Events for Term 1 and 2, 2019

Welcome drinks and nibbles

Friday 6 September, 7–8.30pm

This is an informal evening and a chance for you to socialise and meet other families.

Coffee and cake welcome

Friday 20 September, 10.30–11.30am

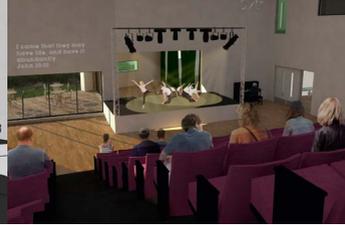
An informal coffee and cake welcome.

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 8 October, 6–7pm

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Tuesday 12 November, 6–7pm



Launching the 40th Anniversary Project

Performing arts is such a huge part of Saint Gregory's and it has been a long-held desire to create a theatre space at school that can truly represent the exceptional talents and skills of students.

As part of this year's 40th Anniversary Celebrations, the school will be launching 'The Gateway Theatre Project' with the aim of raising sufficient funds to enable the construction of a new purpose-built performing arts centre. The PTFA have committed to supporting this project and will be working with the school to help raise the funds for this amazing facility.

Surprising benefits of volunteering

- ★ a sense of well-being and achievement as you make a positive difference to a community that matters;
- ★ belonging to and working as part of a team;
- ★ meeting new people and networking both personally and professionally;
- ★ learning some new skills;
- ★ challenging yourself and having fun;
- ★ increasing your confidence.



Business Sponsors

We're keen to develop mutually beneficial partnerships with local businesses. This could be in the form of:

- ★ **TIME** – some companies offer charitable schemes donating their employees for projects;
- ★ **FINANCIAL** – some companies will donate for specific projects to enhance school communities or facilities;
- ★ **GOODS & SERVICES** – many businesses will donate to raffles and auctions helping us to raise funds through events.

If you are a business, or you know of a business that may help, please get in touch. We would love to fill this newsletter with the Saint Gregory's PTFA official sponsors' logos and thank them publicly for their support of our school.

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How you can help...

Support for
the PTFA can
come in many
forms.

You can activate your membership by:



Join in any of our PTFA meetings

Our meetings are held on average about once a term on a Tuesday evening from 6–7. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you let us know if you intend to join us so that we can make sure we have enough cups, saucers or wine glasses to go around!
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Donate your time

We are always on the look-out for a helping pair of hands to help out at fundraising events. It's not all tea, coffee, cake and wine! Sometimes it's about sharing your journey with new families, welcoming prospective parents and carers to our community or simply offering your skills as a professional so that we and the school can benefit from your knowledge and expertise.
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Donate your money

We understand that, for some parents and carers, they would rather give a one-off donation or monthly donation to the PTFA. We are working towards a new scheme to facilitate donations easily.
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If just **one** member of **every** family in the school volunteered **just once a year** then we would have a tremendous resource available to call on from time to time to improve the educational experience of **ALL** our children and actively benefit everyone in this **COMMUNITY**.

Sign up to Easy Fundraising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgregptfabath

It's basically **FREE MONEY!** If you normally shop in Sainsbury's for your weekly food, why not consider going online to order? You get your groceries delivered to your door and could raise up to 50p per order – that's a whopping £26 per year! Consider if only half of our families did this, that would amount to £7,800 per year. If every family committed to it, we'd raise £15,600 for **FREE!**



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