



St Gregory's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association – Chair' Report

1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

WELCOME

Welcome to our AGM. We begin with some background to explain the context of the St Greg's PTFA and our ongoing work to secure its future. The PTFA is run by a committee that is elected each year at the AGM, the only formal meeting of the year for the PTFA.

BACKGROUND

Over the last 3 years, our PTFA has been enormously successful and we owe a great deal of thanks to everyone who has enabled this. With the support of all the parents, carers and students who have engaged with our activities, it has raised almost £25,000. This money has been spent on a range of projects from end of year rewards days, bouncy slides and ice creams, to SEND and Pastoral Care resources, Lego Club and much more.

We have held a number of Pop-Up Uniform Shops, recycling huge amounts of good quality uniforms whilst also raising funds for our school. We also supported the performance of Matilda. It was lovely to finally be back talking to and meeting so many members of our community so thank you for supporting and spending on refreshments. We also held our first Year 7-9 Disco, and everyone had great fun!

Despite changing (and challenging personal circumstances) the PTFA committee have done their best to keep things running. Our thanks go to Kylie and Jeremy for being such an enormous support this year; we really couldn't have done it without you!

As announced earlier this year, we have both taken the very difficult decision to step down as Co-Chairs. Our posts were only ever meant to be temporary and that was nearly four years ago! Work and family commitments means that we just don't have the time to provide the service to our school that it deserves and so we hope that others will be encouraged to get involved and take the PTFA on the next stage of its journey.

Jeremy will also be retiring as Secretary and we say a very fond farewell to Sarah, who has been wonderful in setting up and steering the Pop Up Uniform Shops. We wish them both well and thank them for their generosity of time and energy. This leaves Kylie – and she cannot do it all alone! Please do consider volunteering to help in one of these roles. It is incredibly rewarding and we have had a blast.

Sadly, if we are unable to fill essential committee posts we face the very real possibility of having to dissolve the PTFA for the time being.

OBJECTIVES

The PTFA aim is simple: to make a positive difference and ensure a thriving and effective parent body at the heart of the school.

We all understand the pressures and challenges of parenting and volunteering so our hope is to encourage a diverse range of fundraising activities and initiatives that are process driven and largely self-sufficient e.g. Easy Fundraising, 50 50 Club, regular crowdfunding etc. but to also create a sense of community for parents/carers to engage in without over-burdening anyone.

SUMMARY

Despite the challenges, the PTFA maintained healthy income streams detailed in the Treasurers' Report. Whilst our capacity to fundraise was curtailed slightly, we have still been able to put on events and raise funds to support projects at the school. We hope that we have also enabled a positive and useful online facility through our Facebook page.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the PTFA this year. Your commitment and willingness to contribute has been incredible as have your efforts to ensure that the PTFA has a future.

We truly have had an amazing few years at the helm and look forward to seeing it develop even further.

Lisa and Paula

Co-Chairs PTFA Committee