

# PTA NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Manchester High School for Girls PTA



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## TRIM-TRAIL TASTIC!

Prep pupils have been loving their new "Trim Trails", funded by the PTA, which puts a massive smile on their faces, while offering more challenging outdoor play & physical activity. The PTA have spent a whopping £12,000 of funds in the past year, on a massive variety of items and activities, which really enhance our pupils' experiences at Manchester High School.



These items include:

- A £2k donation towards School trips for Bursary pupils
- Polarisers for the Chemistry Department
- A "Reading Shed" for Infant pupils, to promote 'reading for pleasure', including books, rugs & blankets to keep snug and warm on the colder days.
- A "Loudspeaker Workshop" for pupils in Y5 & Y6, to build public speaking confidence.
- A Hope Mill theatre initiative.
- A session with Dr Guy Sutton from the Medical Biology Interactive on the cognitive neuroscience of the paranormal, for Psychology students in Years 12 & 13, plus so much more.
- Thank you for your support in helping fund all these wonderful items.

## WELLBEING HUB'S RANGE OF GAMES

The PTA were delighted to fund a range of games for the new Wellbeing Hub, including Chess, Scrabble, Uno and mindful colouring sets. These games will help pupils of all ages, in this wonderful new wellbeing space.



## COME AND JOIN US!



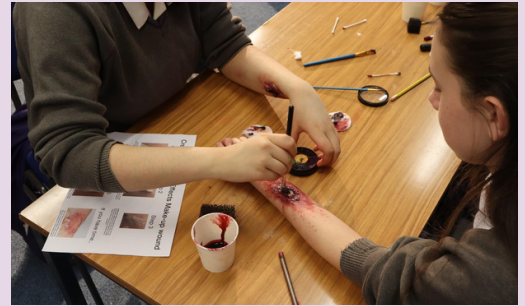
There are over 25 parents and teachers who form part of the PTA. It is such a diverse, inclusive, friendly and welcoming group of people. Even better, it's a lovely way to feel part of the MHSG family and be involved! Even if you can only spare one hour a month, that's fine - every little helps! Just email us for more info.

# PREP EASTER DISCO!

The PTA worked tirelessly to create a truly memorable event for our Prep pupils, at the annual Easter disco! A fabulous time was had by all and the pupils (& teachers!) had a great time. Our favourite DJ Pete had the girls jumping, dancing and singing along, which guaranteed a great night's sleep for all!



# CURRENT BIDS



This term, we approved bids for a Special Effects Make-up Workshop for Y10 Drama (See "Fake Blood" photo above), plus more Sphero Bolts for Prep AND a range of plants & baskets to teach Prep pupils about BioDiversity in the School grounds.

## Dates for your diary:

PTA Meeting: Thursday 18th April 7pm on zoom  
Pre-loved uniform sale: Thursday 18th April 1.30 - 3.45pm  
Y11 Uniform Donation day: TBC (more info coming soon)  
Festive Fair 2024: Saturday 7th December 12 - 3pm

# CHARLOTTE TILBURY

What do Charlotte Tilbury, the PTA and Y11 have in common? Answer: A LOT!

At the end of the GCSE exams this summer, we will be asking Y11 pupils to donate their old uniform to the PTA. Each item donated will be exchanged for a raffle ticket, put into a draw to win Charlotte Tilbury make-up goodies and other retail vouchers. It's not only good for the planet, but helps clear out the clutter before summer! We had a massive "haul" from last year's kind Y11 donors, so it really does make a difference! More info to follow.



## GIFT SALE QUEENS!



We wanted to give a big Shout Out to two of our legendary PTA Mums, Genée and Deb, who do all the shopping for our PTA Gift Sales. They spent over three days driving around Manchester, buying up as many Mother's Day gifts as physically possible, before setting up the stalls across a three day period. Thank you both so much, you PTA Legends!

# MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

We had a brilliant turnout for our gift sales this year, in both Prep & Seniors - thank you so much for supporting us. The girls love the opportunity to shop independently and choose something special for their Mum, Step Mum and Granny - plus they can use Contactless too. We sold out of EVERYTHING, bar seven items! So it was a huge success and we hope everyone had a fabulous Mothering Sunday!



## THANK YOU SARAH!

We are waving goodbye to our fabulous Uniform Shop Queen, Sarah, who has managed the Uniform shop for over seven years (pictured above, with our Chair of the PTA, Annabelle). She will be sorely missed but has done a truly incredible job, finding pre-loved uniform for hundreds of pupils. Thank you so much Sarah. We are looking for a wonderful volunteer who would be able to help us with this role. Sales are once a month and generate a steady income for the PTA. Please email [pta.MHSG@gmail.com](mailto:pta.MHSG@gmail.com) if you can help.

# CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The PTA were delighted to fund books for the Classics Book Group for pupils in Years 9 to 13. Books included Ithaca by Claire North, Ariadne by Jennifer Saint and Brides of Rome by Debra May Macleod, to name a few, which have all proved to be real page turners! These are exactly the "icing on the cake" items which we love to buy!



## UNIFORM DONATION REMINDER



If you have any pre-loved uniform, please do drop it at Reception (clean and washed) and we will find it a new home. Our sales generate so much income for the PTA...plus are great for the environment, so it's a Win Win!