

PTA NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Manchester High School for Girls PTA



July 2025

SUMMER FAIR SUCCESS!

The PTA organised a fantastic Summer Fair, which was so well attended and so much fun!

The girls loved the Bouncy Castle, the Ultimate Wipeout, the Toy Tombola, the bracelet making stalls, sand bottle art craft...all fuelled by candy floss and pizza!



We were so grateful to all the lovely parents, pupils and staff who volunteered their precious time to help make it such a brilliant day. Thank you also to parents for your donations to our Tombolas and Uniform Sales - every little helps!

GARDENING CLUB

The PTA were so happy to hear about the progress of the PTA funded Polytunnel and the Gardening Club. Ms Deignan told us that pupils are growing miniature pumpkins, basil, chillis and cosmos, plus so much more! Pupils head there before and after school, as well as during lunchtimes, so it is a big success!



FATHERS DAY GIFTS!

The PTA organised two days of gift sales for pupils in Prep, so that they could buy some special goodies for their Dad, Stepdad or Grandad. We sold out of practically EVERYTHING and the girls loved the independent shopping experience! Thank you Prep parents as always for supporting this.



Y11 DONATIONS



If your daughter is collecting her GCSE results in person this August, please do bring in any old uniform and we will find it a good home! It will also mean that her bedroom has room for lots of lovely new clothes for Sixth Form!

Dates for your diary:

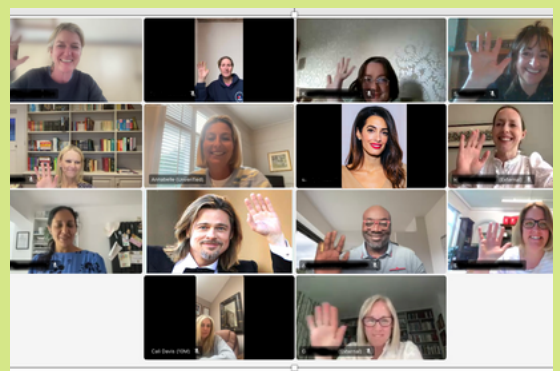
Y11 Uniform Donations: Thursday 21st August (GCSE Results day)
Pre-loved uniform sale: Thursday 4th September 1.30-3.30pm Dining Room corridor
PTA Meeting: Wednesday 24th September @7pm on zoom
Festive Fair 2025: Saturday 22nd November 2025 (NEW DATE)

SPRING WREATHS

The PTA really enjoyed hosting the Wreath Making evening in April, in collaboration with Boho & Bloom. We all went home with gorgeous fresh wreaths to hang on our front doors for the Easter holidays.



PTA ZOOMS



We have one PTA zoom every term, where we discuss bids and future plans. Even Brad Pitt* and Amal Clooney* were keen to brainstorm ideas with us on this term's zoom!

*Well, not really...but we had a bit of fun adding their photos to the Team pic later that night!

JUNIOR TRADER-TASTIC

Ms Chisnall has been inspiring our future business leaders yet again, with a Junior Trader programme collab, alongside Zeus Capital and Marc Duschenes. Pupils had a (pretend) budget to spend on stocks and shares, and were encouraged to build a portfolio investing in food, fashion and retail. The PTA help fund these initiatives, which help to bring alive the world of investments into the Sixth Form centre.



DOES YOUR EMPLOYER PAY MATCH?

We have recently had a parent donate her time to help in the run-up to the Xmas & Summer Fairs, and her employer kindly agreed to “pay match” her salary and donate the amount to MHSG PTA. This has made a massive difference to us, on every level, and we are thrilled. If your company will allow you to volunteer your time to us, while pay matching, we would be so grateful. Please email pta.MHSG@gmail.com if you can help.



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.

We hold a Sale on the first Thursday of every month, in the Dining Room Corridor from 1.30-3.30pm.

Pupils can try on items and can pay with Apple Pay, contactless or cash, so it means that parents don't have to come to School.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU, LEGENDARY LIZ!

We are saying a Fond Farewell to one of our PTA Champions, Liz, who has been an absolute LEGEND in our PTA Family for years. She will be missed so much. She is always so full of energy, so bright and cheery - and still looks about 15 years old! Thank you Liz for all your years of hard work on the PTA and we wish you all the best in this next chapter.



EASYFUNDRAISING APP

If you download the EasyFundraising App, and allocate MHSG PTA as your charity, we will get a % of everything you spend with them.

How? Most brands pay a % of what you spend with them as a donation, for example if you spend £150 on a hotel via booking.com, they will donate 3% which is £4.50.



The image is a screenshot of the EasyFundraising app interface. At the top, it says 'easyfundraising feel good shopping'. Below that, in large, bold, black letters, it says 'Raise FREE donations for'. Underneath, it says 'Manchester High School for Girls every time you shop online'. There is a button that says 'Find us on easyfundraising.org.uk'. Below that, it says 'Manchester High School for Girls'. At the bottom, it says '4,300 online sites will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you!'. There are logos for various retailers: booking.com, ebay, M&S, Groupon, asos, BT, just eat, and bahn. At the very bottom, it says 'Download the easyfundraising App'.

Some retailers pay a flat amount, for example is you buy car insurance with confused.com via easyfundraising, they will donate a flat £15 regardless of the cost of the policy. Google "EasyFundraising" to find out more.

COME AND JOIN US!



The PTA is a really friendly team of parents and teachers, who get together to fundraise for those "icing on the cake" items for the girls: Speaker workshops, Science kit, Fun trips, Playground items and so much more.

It's a really lovely way to get to know other people in the MHSG Family. You may only have an hour a month to offer, but it all adds up, and we will guarantee you a big welcome. Just email us if you'd like to get involved.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

The Manchester Drinks Company who donate so much to our Bottle Tombola before our Fairs. This year, they kindly donated Alcohol slushies, Vodka Jellies and Canned Cocktails and we are always so grateful!



CAN YOU SHARE OUR PTA WHATSAPPS?



Could you help share our PTA messages on your class/yeargroup whatsapps? We just send out friendly reminders before Fairs and Sales, so that parents can remember to help support them. You just need to press "Forward" - nothing more! Please email us if you can help. Thanks.