

# PTA NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Manchester High School for Girls PTA



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## SKATEBOARDS & DISCOS!

The PTA have spent a whopping £10,000 of funds in the past year, on a massive variety of items and activities, which really enhance our pupils' experiences at Manchester High School. We were delighted to fund many items during February's Balance Week, including the Silent Disco, Skateboarding and the Chocolate Workshop!



Other PTA funded items include:

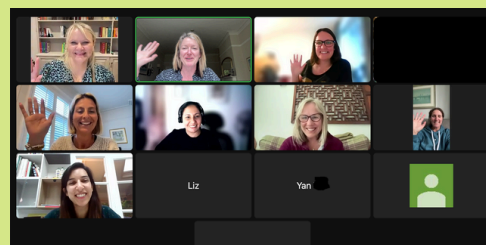
- A £2k donation towards School trips for Bursary pupils
- A LoudSpeaker Workshop for Prep
- A copy of "Women & Power" by Mary Beard for all Y13 leavers
- A Team-building Day for Y9 students
- Subsidies towards Y3-Y6 Residential trips in Prep
- A Devising Workshop for Y12 Drama Students
- 4 in 1 Gel Electrophoreses Tanks for Biology
- A Toybox 3D printer for Prep
- A Junior Trader session for Y12 pupils
- A Young Enterprise Team
- An Eco Council Storage Cupboard for Prep
- ...and so much more. Thank you for your support in helping fund all these wonderful items.

## PREP SPHERO ROBOTS

The PTA were delighted to fund more Sphero Robots for Prep, so that they now have a complete set of 15. We also funded cases for them too. These added robots in Prep coincide with greater tech provision to all younger pupils.



## COME AND JOIN US!



There are over 25 parents and teachers in the MHSG PTA. It is such a diverse, inclusive, friendly and welcoming group of people. Even if you can only spare one hour a month, that's fine - every little helps! Warm Welcome guaranteed.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The PTA funded a fascinating visit from Bee Zulu who spoke to the pupils across two assemblies during Black History Month last October.

The theme was "Reclaiming Narratives" for BHM 2024 and engaged our students within our diverse community.



## SPEAKER VISIT



The PTA also funded a visit from Dr Susie Davies, GP and Founder of PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents) who spoke to students about online safety and mental health. These speaker visits are crucial to MHSG.

## Dates for your diary:

PTA Meeting: Wednesday 4th June @7pm on zoom

Pre-loved uniform sale: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1.30-3.30pm Dining Room corridor

Y11 Uniform Donation day: TBC (more info coming soon)

Festive Fair 2025: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## CHARLOTTE TILBURY & Y11 COLLAB

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!



## PREP GIFT SALES



The PTA ran two successful gift sales in Prep for Mother's Day. The pupils loved the opportunity to shop, buying teddies, mugs and candles. We hope that all the fabulous MHSG Mums, StepMums and Grandma's had a special Mothering Sunday! Thank you for your support!



# NEW ECO POLYTUNNEL

Ms Deignan received PTA funding for Extra curricular Gardening Club & Biology for a Polytunnel, where pupils can grow organic produce. Pupils can also work outdoors during inclement weather, plus it adds to MHSG's Eco Schools accreditation. Gardening club helps promote wellbeing for staff and all pupils, and even the grown plants could be sold at school fairs! We are excited to follow the progress of this!



## CROWD PLEASING MASKS!

The Drama Dept bought some Commedia Dell'Arte masks for students with PTA funds, which have helped bring alive this genre of theatre! Break a leg, ladies!



## TEXTILE DREAM TEAM!

Year 9 students have been busy designing and making their own tote bags as part of their Textile Project. The PTA funded a brand new computerised embroidery machine, so the pupils could create their own fantastic designs. Well done Y9 - the bags look awesome!



## 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!