

# PTA NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Manchester High School for Girls PTA



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## AHEAD OF THE GAME!

It has been a brilliant term for the PTA, so thank you so much for supporting our sales and activities. Our favourite part is always seeing our funds in action and this term, the football teams welcomed the arrival of some MHSG branded kit, which means that they look **seriously pro** for all future fixtures.



The Prep have been enjoying some brilliant days out at The Whitworth Art Gallery this term, part funded by the PTA. The Prep have been working in partnership with The Whitworth towards their Artsmark awards, so these day trips are SO worthwhile.



## BRANDED CHOIR FOLDERS!

Not only do our fabulous MHSG choir *sound* fantastic, they now LOOK even more professional, thanks to their branded MHSG choir folders, funded by the PTA. These are the "icing on the cake" items which we love to fund.



## CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWS!

We are **delighted** to announce the date of our second PTA Christmas Fair. Please put Saturday 2nd December in your diaries (12-3pm) for some festive fun! Can you help donate any fabulous money-can't-buy raffle prizes? And do you know anyone who would like a stall - if so, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/v899ZKmWcx>

# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

The PTA work tirelessly to encourage pre-loved uniform donations and organise monthly sales to do our bit of the planet AND raise big funds. The most recent sale at the Y7 Welcome evening was a massive success. If you have any old uniform, please just drop it at Reception. Thank you.



Is your daughter looking to do volunteer work for her D of E? We are looking for someone who will help in our uniform shop and at our sales during school hours. Please get in touch [pta.MHSG@gmail.com](mailto:pta.MHSG@gmail.com) if she's interested.

## Dates for your diary:

- Pre-loved uniform sale: Wednesday 9th August. 9.30 - 2pm
- Pre-loved uniform sale: Thursday 7th September 1.30 - 3.45pm
- PTA Meeting: Thursday 14th September 7pm on zoom
- Christmas Fair 2023: Saturday 2nd December 12 - 3pm

# NEW BIDS...INCOMING!

- We always encourage Departments to submit their bids to the PTA and this term, we have funded:
- A £2k donation towards School trips for Bursary pupils, which also includes trips to the University Open Days for Y12 pupils. This will happen every year from now on.
- £550 to part fund an extra Young Enterprise team in the Sixth Form
- £350 towards a future trip to take Year 9 to the National Arboretum as part of the Poppy Project.
- £1500 to fund a "BlazePod", a smart reaction training system, which improves reaction time and reflex training for pupils in the the PE Dept.
- A new Air Fryer for Food Tech Dept
- And most recently, we have donated funds towards the new playground in the Prep - more details on that soon.

## JOIN THE PTA!



We are always looking for new members of the PTA and there are currently 20 of us, who meet on zoom every term and really come together at Events, Gift sales & the Interval bar. The camaraderie is super special and it's a fabulous way to feel a part of the MHSG family. Even an hour or two per month will make a difference. Please email: [pta.MHSG@gmail.com](mailto:pta.MHSG@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved!



# FATHER'S DAY GIFT SALES

We had a brilliant turnout for our gift sales this year, in both Prep & Seniors and we are hoping that some of the goodies actually made it to Dad's special day?! Errmmm... has anyone seen the chocolate?! Despite the heatwave that week, the girls loved the opportunity to shop independently and choose something special for their Dad, StepDad and Grandad.



## SECRET STASH!

Did you know that the PTA has a *second* cupboard somewhere in School, where we house all our bulky Food Tech baskets?! Can you guess where this secret cupboard is located? Answers on a postcard please ...!



## DO YOU SHOP ONLINE!

The EasyFundraising campaign has raised over £2300 for the MHSB PTA, thanks to our 130 fabulous supporters.

It's simple - YOU SHOP, WE EARN.

Just download the EasyFundraising app, use it for your online shopping and we can earn up to 4% from your purchases.

Train tickets on Avanti earns us £3.  
Theatre tickets via ATG raise £1.  
A weekend in Barcelona via Booking.com? A whopping £30!

Mrs L, a Y10 Mum, said:

**"I have raised over £115 since 2020 for the PTA, without actually donating a single penny! Just shop at your usual websites, but go via the EasyFundraising app. It's that easy!"**

Please sign up now - just look up EasyFundraising in your App store.

## THANK YOU Y11'S!



Thank you so much to all the Y11's and their parents who donated uniform on their very last day of School. (See photo above!)

The response was WAY beyond our expectations and we can now do our bit for the environment AND raise funds while we're at it!

Best of luck in your GCSE results and thanks again!