

# **PATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**



## **NEWSLETTER 2017**

# ***HELPING MAKE £ENDS MEET***



Serving refreshments at Gloucester Cathedral for the Richard Pate's 500th Birthday Concert



Welcome to all Pate's parents and friends from the Pate's Parents' Association (PPA) Committee.

2016/2017 has been a remarkable year which has seen the PPA raise more than £30,900 and then have the satisfaction of donating approximately £47,700 to School.

We are delighted to have financially supported the Outdoor Education, PE, Maths, Art and IT Departments, and in the coming months, our fund raising efforts will contribute towards the furnishing costs of the new sixth form block.

This could not have been done without the army of volunteers who have worked tirelessly serving refreshments, manning stalls, and donating time, gifts, cake (lots of it) and second-hand uniforms.

The committee is a team of parents elected at the Annual General Meeting every October to keep the PA on the move. Pate's parents are automatically members of the PA; a registered charity.

Our aim is to do what we can to support the school, particularly at the current time of serious financial uncertainty. At present, this is done by contributing to the revenue funding campaign **Making Ends Meet** and purchasing additional resources.

We aim to keep you informed of our fundraising activities and to make it as easy as possible for you to join us and volunteer to help at school events.

Our main fundraising activity of the year is the Spring Fair which will take place in March. We also hold the Family Quiz Night (December) and a number of social evenings throughout the year. This year we are breaking new ground with a Back To School day for Parents!

Further details are broadcast via the weekly Headmaster's Message and on the Parents' Association page of the website.

Always feel free to email us.

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# £47,000 FOR SCHOOL

## **£10,000 for a vital server upgrade**

To cope with a growing number of remote users and to maintain a smooth and reliable user experience for staff, students and parents, an additional server unit was deemed necessary. The PA committed it's main fund raising event, the Spring Fair, to generate this considerable sum. We cracked it! On top of this we donated £1,915 for much needed licenses.

## **£12,550 to furnish new classrooms**

The OED has been refurbished to provide two new classrooms. The PA were delighted to meet the additional cost of furniture and essential I.T Systems.

## **£8,500 for more Refectory Seating**

Due to new classrooms being available in OED, there has been a reshuffle of other classrooms. This has enabled some freeing up of space in the refectory The PA has agreed to provide the funds to furnish this extra area which will now provide the additional seating capacity required for our growing number of students.



## **£450 for Book Buzz**

Each new Y7 student is given a book they have chosen from a list. The Book Buzz scheme then provides the school with two sets of these books for the library.

## **£2,050 for Planners**

Every Pate's student uses their daily planners throughout the year to log their homework and assignments.

## **£230 for the Art Dept.**

So much wonderful work from students adorns the walls and shelves throughout Pate's. The Art department asked if we could fund a spray gun and compressor for glazing ceramics.

## **In the Pipeline - help raise the thousands needed to furnish the brand new Sixth Form Block Development**

The financial package to develop the new sixth form block does not include the cost of furniture and IT equipment. With this in mind, the PA pledges to donate a substantial proportion of the funds raised in the next 12 months to this project. Ever mindful of the continued need to support the Making Ends Meet appeal, we hope to be able to support both streams of activity. With the incredible support of our parent community we are confident that we can provide meaningful support to both.

**£1,600 for new P.E mats** A good number of the old mats were not fit for purpose. We were happy to support the purchase of a new set of high-quality mats and see the old ones sent down for use in the shooting range.

## **£2,240 Student Council Requests fulfilled**

We are always keen to support the Student Council and regularly ask them what they feel, as representatives of all our children, is needed. This year they suggested a new bike rack for the increasing number of students cycling to school, and four outdoor picnic benches for outside the sixth form area. These are all now in place funded by the PA at a cost of £2,240 .



# RAISED £30,000+

## Annual Spring Fair raises a record-breaking £13,000

With a view to raising money for a much needed IT server upgrade, this year we gave the Spring Fair a distinctly 'techie-theme'.

Alongside the usual joyous stalls, refreshments and student buskers, we provided a retro gaming centre. For a small fee, visitors could enjoy a nostalgic blast on all the old favourites, from PacMan to Space Invaders!

More Year 7 and 8 students took part in the entire than ever before.



## Second-hand Uniform - £1,096

The second-hand uniform sale is provided at several events including the New Year 7 Evenings. We sell everything from blazers to sports kit at very reasonable rates.

It is always possible for parents to buy uniform at other times if they contact the office.

Stock enquiries can also be made to

[PAuniform@patesgs.org](mailto:PAuniform@patesgs.org)



## Easyfundraising - around £1,000 every year !

It's very simple - just visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/patesgs/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/patesgs/) to register and shop with over 2,000 well known retailers like Amazon, John Lewis, and many more.

Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Pate's. So far we have 'earned' £6,350 over several years, about £1,000 every year. We've also given Pate's its own search page - set it as your homepage; use it every time you search the web and watch funds mount up – see [patesgs.easysearch.org.uk](http://patesgs.easysearch.org.uk). We've made £63 through 9,000 searches.

# Making Ends Meet

## **Refreshments - over £12,500**

The bar service at school events has gone from strength to strength and we have consistently handled record sales at each event. Not only has it brought in more than £12,500 (less stock costs) but it offers an invaluable refreshment service to parents, staff and students attending or taking part in school productions, concerts and general gatherings. We've even taken it on the road this year to Gloucester Cathedral for the Richard Pate's 500th Anniversary Concert. Mountains of homemade cake accompanied the warming teas and coffees. We also went to All Saints' Church for the exquisite Choral Concert.

## **Christmas Family Quiz Night raised £1,767**

The American Civil War was the theme for the fifth Christmas quiz where picture rounds filled the refectory walls and the room buzzed with a wonderful spread of teams made up of parents, staff and students.

We're already getting ready for the next one. Pop the date in your diary:  
December 1st.

Tickets will go on sale in November.



## **100 Club - £6,300!**

The ever-popular 100 Club continues to be key to the year's fundraising. It is a monthly draw for £100 with a bonus draw for £1,000 every June. Each "share" costs only £5 which is payable by standing order. All forms are available at the back of this newsletter, on the Pate's website (in the Parents Portal) or by email [PA100club@patesgs.org](mailto:PA100club@patesgs.org)

## **Bags2School £464**

Parents sent in dozens of bags of old clothes and fabrics which, when weighed by the Bags2School team, instantly earned us a cheque for £464. Simple!

## **Raffles £1,472**

Our hamper raffles, held at larger school events such as concerts, are made possible by prizes donated by parents. Everything from Pickles and Chocolate to Champagne and Pimm's make for splendid prizes.

## **THANK YOU!**

To every single volunteer, cake baker, helper, customer, quiz-fiend and everyone involved in any way. None of this is possible without you. If you'd like to be more involved we'd love to hear from you. Please contact [PA-chair@patesgs.org](mailto:PA-chair@patesgs.org) with your details so we can keep in touch.



## Pate's Grammar School Parents' Association 100 Club Standing Order Mandate

Please tick as appropriate:	New Instructions		Amended Instructions	
To: (Your bank account name and address.)			100 Club bank details	
Bank Name				Barclays Bank PLC
Bank Address				128 High Street Cheltenham GL50 1EL
Bank Sort Code		-		20-20-15
Account No.				90683108
Account Name				PATES G.S. PA 100 CLUB
First payment date (on the 1st of the month)	Minimum 12 month membership			Beneficiary Ref (to be completed by PGS PA):
Amount of payment				
Amount of payment in words				
Frequency of payments. (Please delete as appropriate)	MONTHLY:    Yes / No		ANNUALLY:    Yes / No	
Final payment (if applicable)		OR:	Continue until further notice: (please tick)	
Payee signature:				Date:

**Please return both the application and standing order forms to:**

**Pate's Grammar School Parents' Association 100 Club, c/o Pate's Grammar School, Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0HG**



# The 100 Club

**MONTHLY PRIZES OF £100**

**BONUS PRIZE £1,000!!!**

## HOW IT WORKS

The Pate's 100 Club is a valuable fund raiser for the Parents' Association and one we hope you will join.

It raised an enormous £6,300 this year.

There is a monthly draw for £100 with a June bonus draw of **£1,000!**  
The cost of a share is £5 per month, payable over a 12 month period on the first day of the month.

You can have as many shares as you want. As there is no start or finish date you can join at anytime.

It is open to all parents and guardians of Pate's pupils.

All the forms you need to join the club are opposite this page and on the back. Just tear them off.

You can also go online for more details and find the same forms at **[www.patesgs.org](http://www.patesgs.org)** through the Parents' Portal.

If you have any questions please contact  
[PA100Club@patesgs.org](mailto:PA100Club@patesgs.org)



## Pate's Grammar School Parents' Association 100 Club Application Form

The 100 Club has always been a very good method of raising funds. The club is open to parents of current pupils and staff members of Pate's Grammar School and any parents of former pupils, who joined the club while their children attended the school.

We hope you will join. There is a **monthly draw for £100 with a bonus draw of £1000 in June!** The cost of a share is £5 per month, payable over a 12 month period on the first day of the month. As there is no start or finish date to the scheme you can join anytime. (Minimum 12 months membership)

The preferred method of payment is by standing order (£5 monthly / £60 annually). All prize winners are notified in writing and results are published on the school website: [www.patesgs.co.uk](http://www.patesgs.co.uk) found under the Pate's Grammar School Parents' Association tab.

If you would like to join please complete the application form below together **with** the standing order mandate

Name					
Address					
Tel No.					
Child's name		Form		Number of Shares @ £5 each	
Is your child currently at Pate's Grammar School?					Yes/No
Will your child be joining in September as a new Year 7 or Year 12 pupil?					Yes/No

**I understand that my membership will only commence on receipt of my first payment.**

I enclose Standing Order Mandate and wish to pay (please tick as appropriate):	Monthly		Annually	
Signed			Date:	

**Please enrol me as a member of Pate's Grammar School Parents' Association 100 Club.**