



Welcome Back (and a Plea) from the PTA

Hello and welcome to a new year at QPA from Queen's Park Academy Association. Usually known as the PTA, we are a group of parents, carers and friends who volunteer to run events raising money for school funds.

At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week we only had three current parents and no new volunteers. Nobody came forward for the vacant posts of Secretary or Treasurer, and we are carrying on this year only because our small pool of dedicated volunteers have taken on even more. **This cannot continue forever**, as there will be no one to take over when this year's volunteers move on and we do not currently have enough parent volunteers to run the events for the children.

The impact of the PTA is not just in providing enjoyment for the children, but in our contribution to school funds. In the last academic year we provided:

- 60 tablet computers;
- Two multi-tablet charging stations;
- A variety of playground equipment;
- Year 6 memory books;
- A contribution toward the Year 6 leavers' hoodies.

We have planned the following events for the coming year but need more volunteers to enable us to organise and run these and to share other ideas for activities.

Welcome Discos
Christmas Hamper Raffle
Bring and Buy Toy and Book Sale
Spring Hamper Raffle
Summer Fayre
Year 6 Prom
End of Year Discos
Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 22nd October
Monday 14th December
Thursday 12th February
Monday 22rd March
Friday 2nd July
Monday 12th July
Tuesday 13th July
Thursday 15th July

Further information on each event will be available nearer the time, but we desperately need new volunteers to make them the best they can be. We don't expect a huge amount of work or time commitment – just turn up for events to If you have any time to spare and would like to volunteer, please get in touch on our **NEW** email address, admin@qpaa.uk. Please leave your phone number if you would like to be added to our WhatsApp group.

We will be holding 2 drops ins where you can come and find out more about how to support these events and be part of the PTA and suggest any other fundraising ideas:

28th September – 8.50am

29th September – 3.25 (Childcare provided by QPA)