



WHITGIFT

The Whitgift School Association (WSA) Report – November 2014

The WSA has had a successful year since the last AGM in November 2013. There have been several events which parents have enjoyed attending with the highlight of the year being the 80's Tribute Night earlier this month. On this occasion, Big School was transformed into an 80's disco with a fantastic tribute band and more than 120 parents and staff were present. Mrs Lorna Sheldon was in charge of the event and decorations were again organised by Miranda Barber and her team of committee members. All WSA members should be congratulated for a fantastic event which was greatly appreciated by parents as they danced through the night!

WSA members have supported the Open Morning and Open Evening where they assisted with the Admissions desk and greeted and spoke to prospective parents. Parents also helped with the Careers Conversazione in November and in the Libraries. Our thanks go to all parents who assist in these different ways which benefit other parents and the pupils.

The WSA Second Hand Uniform sales have been particularly successful recently with sales reaching record levels. Mrs Kim Baptiste and her team have done a wonderful job and this has been greatly appreciated by parents. Significant funds have also been raised from these sales.

The WSA Working Group Committee met this term to discuss events for the academic year 2014-15 and the Committee has welcomed some new parents who are keen to be involved with the WSA. We are again running the very popular Quiz Night in the Lent Term and we must thank Mrs Shirley Carpenter, Karoline Baird and their team for organising this event, which will be an excellent way to welcome new parents to the School and the WSA. We are running a Summer Ball in June and we are sure this will be a superb evening. The WSA is working hard to consider ways of providing appropriate events for parents and I am sure we will have many more excellent events going forward.

WSA funds are in a healthy position and funds currently stand at approximately £16,000 and it is hoped that a further donation to a school project will be possible in the near future. I would like to thank the Acting Treasurer, Mrs Alison Anderson, for all her help in managing the accounts since and for preparing the details for the AGM.

The School is very grateful to the Working Group Committee for their time, organisation and good humour. They are a strong team and the AGM is an ideal opportunity to thank them for their support.

As ever, if parents would like to be involved with the WSA, please do come and join us. If you can spare even a small amount of time, it is always gratefully received. The search for a parent-Chair of the Association continues and I hope that parents will continue to offer their support and become Officers of the WSA in the future.