

## Welcome to the HPFA newsletter!

The HPFA is a charitable organisation set up to help raise funds for the benefit of Highlands School pupils. It aims to do this by running fundraising and social activities throughout the year. In the past, the HPFA has helped fund the school minibuses, the sixth form area and the wellbeing area.

There is much more the school would like to do!  
**Please support the HPFA, support your school!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### HPFA Meeting Dates

9 May 2024  
13 June 2024  
11 July 2024  
12 September 2024  
10 October 2024 (AGM)  
14 November 2024  
12 December 2024

All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

We usually meet at 6:30-7:30pm,  
in person at the school or via  
zoom.

We send out an agenda in  
advance via email.



## IN THIS ISSUE

**HPFA vacancies - committee  
members needed and upcoming  
officer vacancies**

**Update on fundraising activities**

**Looking ahead...  
Summer BBQ for upcoming year 7s**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you donate or sponsor a prize?

We always need high quality prizes to raffle at our fundraising events such as wine, food stuffs for hampers, vouchers for shops or experiences or cash prizes.

Please get in touch if you can  
donate or sponsor a prize.

Contact us by email at  
[HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com](mailto:HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com)



**TARGET: £10,000**



# HPFA COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

## UPCOMING CHANGES TO COMMITTEE OFFICERS

### WE NEED YOU!

We really need more committee members. We are currently a team of four people, which is simply not enough people to successfully fundraise for the school. Ultimately, without more help, the HPFA will be unable to continue.

Some officers are due to stand down at the next AGM, and without replacing them there will not be enough officers to run the HPFA. We are trying to forward plan ahead of the October AGM when re-elections take place. We will need to elect a press officer and a joint-chair. We would also like to elect a joint treasurer to work alongside our current treasurer.

Please consider joining the HPFA either as a committee member or in one of the upcoming officer roles. You can make a valuable difference to the school and it's current and future pupils.

To find out more, or to volunteer, please email us. The HPFA can be contacted by email at [HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com](mailto:HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com)

We look for to hearing from you and welcome your contributions.

Your HPFA officers are:

**Chair:** Siobhan Sweeney

**Secretary:** Felicia Ekemezuma

**Treasurer:** Valentina Csaki

**Publicity:** Vanessa Mead

**Do you want  
to be part of  
the HPFA  
committee?**

Below are some easy ways you may be able to help raise funds for the school. For further information about any of these methods, please feel free to get in touch with us:



### EASY FUNDRAISING

Sign up to:  
**easyfundraising.org.uk**  
select Highlands School  
as your chosen cause  
and the brands you shop  
with, will donate a % to  
the school at no  
additional cost to you.

### MATCH FUNDRAISING

Many corporate  
**employers** such as  
banks, insurers, large  
supermarkets etc. have  
a **match funding policy**  
and may match funds  
raised by the HPFA at  
their events.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

You can make a  
voluntary contribution  
to the HPFA either on  
a regular or one-off  
basis.



# HPFA EVENTS



NIGHT



The HPFA held a fabulous quiz night on Friday 8th March. **Mr McInerney did a fantastic job as quizmaster!** It was a fun, well attended, family friendly night. The HPFA prepared a ploughman's meal for everyone and also served drinks at the bar. **The Winchmore's pub generously donated** freshly made scotch eggs and pork pies, which were absolutely delicious.

'**Thoughts and Crosses**' won the prize for the best team name (an Easter egg). After nine fun rounds, (including a dinosaur round), the scores were in. It was a close contest but the winning team was the '**Spicers**'. Although the night was all about taking part, the winners won a box of chocolates and a bottle of gin! There was a raffle too, with the top prize being a lovely box of Aesop products.

**Thanks to all those who came and supported the event and donated prizes. We really do appreciate it. We raised £915.33 on ticket sales (including food), the raffle and refreshments. We would especially like to thank Mr McInerney for his excellent quiz mastering!**



## Other events

The HPFA provided refreshments at Highlands' fabulous **musical showcase** evening on 4 December 2023, **raising £176** and at Highlands' **Black History Month** event on Thursday 11th January 2024, raising **£58**.

## Festive raffle

It seems like ages ago now, but we would like to thank all those who supported this event by purchasing tickets and donating prizes. We would especially like to thank our sponsors, **Webb Yates Engineers**, who very **generously donated £250**, which funded the top two cash prizes.

**We raised £531!**