

Bramcote College and Sixth Form Parent-Teacher Association
Annual General Meeting: Chair's report including financial statement
September 2020

Chair's report

Wow! What an amazing and "weird" year it has been so far!

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to reach our targets, since we were only able to run a handful of events. These included: the Christmas card design competition; Bramcote's Got Talent; and the Year 7/8 Christmas party.

The planned events in 2019/2020 that could not take place included:

- the Easter Egg Tombola (donations were passed to Hope Foodbank, Beeston, NHS staff at Queen's Medical Centre and a local care home for the elderly);
- the annual fashion show, scheduled for October
- the school production of *The Wizard of Oz*;
- school sports day.

For 2020/21, some events have been planned.

- The Christmas Card Design competition is underway, organised by Melissa Perry-Slack (deputy chair) and Mrs Margaret Hewitt. The students have had the opportunity to create their own designs for bespoke Christmas cards, mugs, thank you cards and gift labels, using provided templates. Melissa notes 'It would be great if I could share the project process so it can continue in the future. Any volunteers are welcome.'
- Mrs Dawn Crouch (English) is provisionally planning a Y7/8 Christmas party, which the PTA would expect to support. However, planning is still dependent on Covid-19 restrictions. Should the event be able to go ahead, the proposed date is December 17 2020;
- If the party cannot go ahead, permission will be sought to run a 'Christmas Gift and Chocolate Tombola' during a lunch break (ideally December 7 2020). This will enable the PTA to make use of previous tombola donations as well as request additional ones from local businesses, parents and staff.
- PTA stocks of soft drinks are currently being sold in the Sixth Form Common Room at the request of staff.
- Finally, the PTA continues to benefit from donations raised through on-line shopping at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bramcotecollege/>

Nominations for elected posts

Elected posts on the committee are:

Chair and deputy chair

Secretary and deputy secretary

Treasurer and deputy treasurer

I am happy to remain as PTA Chair for one more year (2020/21); Gareth Roberts is happy to remain as treasurer. Melissa Perry-Slack is happy to remain as deputy chair, but would

be happy to step down if another member wishes to stand for the role, with a view to becoming Chair in 2021/22. Nicola Royan is resigning as secretary as she has become a school governor.

As a result, the posts open for election are these:

Deputy chair (optional)

Secretary and deputy secretary

Deputy treasurer

Please can any PTA member nominate and second any nominations via email to pta@bramcote.college, cc. grahamroyan@ntlworld.com

Our school and PTA do struggle to involve the students and parents when organising events, and running the PTA. Please, if anyone has any ideas or email details of any new parents who wish to join the team then please can I ask that they send their email details to pta@bramcote.college

Our PTA's purpose is to raise monies and to improve the experience of the pupils by supporting the school in other ways and to develop a community of parents, teachers and staff and to enable new connections and friendships.

School representative's report

The Bramcote College PTA has had a tremendous impact on both our students and staff. The money raised by events has provided amazing resources for a tremendous range of subjects, including Music, Science, Business Studies and English. The ongoing support that the PTA offers the school has enhanced enrichment activities like the school production and encouraged students to explore and share their talents at the PTA's Bramcote's Got Talent evening. They have also supported the gardening club and by providing funding for camcorders, they have supported our BBC schools report, as well as a number of other school groups. They have also worked tirelessly with some of our staff on annual events including the Christmas card competition, the Christmas disco and the Easter Egg Tombola, to name just a few, all of which enhance the students' experience of school. Most recently funding from the PTA has improved our outdoors facilities by providing picnic tables and benches for the playground. The amazing energy of the PTA members enhances the experience Bramcote students have throughout the year and provide families and students with a range of great events to enjoy. We are an inclusive PTA and are always delighted to welcome new members.

Treasurer's report

After making a good start to the school year, like most businesses and organisations, the PTA's plan for the remainder of the 19/20 year ground to halt. As a result we only raised £762 this year across two events, Bramcote's Got Talent and the Xmas Disco complemented with income from Easy Fundraising and Christmas cards.

Due to the reserves carried over the PTA were able to make significant contributions to the school this year totalling £2,122, pre-lockdown small contributions supporting the

Netball Team and Gardening Clubs were made along with a contribution of £600 to purchase picknick benches. As the school prepared to re-open following the lockdown the PTA made a significant contribution of £1,438 to purchase more benches and allow more outdoor seating. The good thing with the contributions made this year are that they are fully transferrable to the new school building when that completes.

At the end of August the PTA held funds of £589, this will allow us to make some small contributions during the 20/21 year.

Whilst the events the PTA run a great to encourage engagement with the school and add to the overall school experience for the children they do also deliver a good source of income for the PTA. It's hard to see these events resuming this school year and as a result fundraising will continue to be depressed and we need to investigate Covid secure ways of fundraising. One such way is Easyfundraising which over the past two years has delivered £401 and I would encourage everyone to use this when spending online (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>).

Finally I would like to highlight the hard work and energy that our chair, Sned, brings to the PTA and I think we can all agree that the PTA would be very different without her efforts.

Notes of thanks.

And finally, we have amazing support from the staff and parents of the school and welcome new members to keep the "team" motivated. I would personally like to thank Jo Cooper, Heather (photocopier super star) both Dan and Paul for their amazing poster design and promotional skills, Emma Heydon , Claire Franklin, Dawn Crouch and Simon Morton for their continued support, Nicola for her outstanding secretarial commitments and to Melissa, Tre and Cathy for their continued commitment and dedication to the PTA, Jo and her amazing baking team, who contribute so much to events. There are so many more so a BIG thank you to you all.

I am not aware of any leavers and it would be sad to lose any one member of our amazing team.

I'd also like to thank our local businesses which include Sainsburys (Wollaton), Tesco (Beeston), Boots PLC, M&S and our local Cheesecake Shop for their continued supply of raffle/ tombola prizes.

Please take care and stay safe during the difficult and challenging times ahead.

Sned!