



## TGS PTA NEWS UPDATE

SPRING 2020

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Dear Parents & Carers

We are very pleased to announce that the PTA Winter Fair raised **over £10,000** for the school. We are immensely proud of this achievement and would like to thank all of you that attended to support us.

From Roller Skating to shooting brussel sprouts, Hook-a-bag to Santa's Selfie Sleigh the school truly was transformed into a Winter Wonderland with fun for all ages and a huge indoor Christmas Fair.

We had some amazing feedback from students, parents and stallholders, with the general consensus being that 'this was the best one yet!'



We have already committed over **£6,000** to various **STEAM** projects requested by the school Wish List, they include:

The ongoing lease for the DT laser engraver, a heat press, 6 iPads, Maths mini whiteboards, algebra disks & multilink cubes, an embroidery machine for Product Design and visualisers which will allow teachers to better share written information by projecting onto a whiteboard.

None of this would have been possible without the PTA, parent volunteers and staff teams who worked tirelessly to make it happen. In particular we would like to mention Mrs Ryde, Mr Seedhouse and their team of helpers in Santa's Interactive Workshop. Also a huge thank you to the parents who provided the amazing Indian food, once again selling out before 1pm!

We have lots in store this year, but we need new PTA members and parent volunteers to help. If you are interested in getting involved with our any of events please contact us at: [pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk) or come along to one of our meetings.

All are welcome  
Lynn Gadsby, PTA Chairperson.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday - 1-2pm  
Uniform shop open

4/3, 21/4, 5/5, 3/6, 6/7  
7.30-9pm

PTA Meetings -  
Arnold Room

1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 - 7-9.45pm  
TGS VE75 Quiz Night

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Contributions Day -  
Spring Hamper Raffle

24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 -  
8.15-9.30am  
Yr. 11 Celebration Breakfast

30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - 5-7pm  
Yr. 13 Strawberries & Fizz

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Uniform is available to order [online](#) and can be collected at school reception.

If an item is not suitable we will arrange an exchange if returned within a month.

We are currently looking for good quality donations of **senior skirts, PE hoodies, jumpers & skorts and also summer dresses** ready for our next sales.

We would prefer freshly laundered items with no holes or stains. Thank you.  
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### TGS VE75 QUIZ NIGHT



The PTA are welcoming teams of 8-10 adults to the Mitchener Hall this year for the TGS VE75 Quiz Night. Arrange your own team or book individually or as a smaller group and we will make sure you are not alone!

The £12.50 ticket price includes a hot supper at half time and you can also purchase red or white wine for your table in advance at a reduced rate. Please bring along a homemade pudding - one per team, which will be auctioned off - The highest team bid wins first pick of the puddings!!

There will be a licensed cash bar throughout the evening. Welcome from 6.50pm. First question 7.15pm. Aim to end by 9.45pm.

Winners share one of our legendary Hampers! There is also a prize for the best decorated 'VE75 themed' table.

Our thanks to **Castle Cars Tonbridge** who will donate 10% of all takings for cabs booked with them in advance to and from the event.

### SPRING HAMPER RAFFLE



All pupils will receive a **booklet of 5 raffle tickets to purchase. Each ticket is £2.** If you would like to purchase some tickets, please:

Mark your name, contact number and your child's Learning Community on the stub.

Enclose cash or a cheque made payable to **Tonbridge Grammar School PTA** for the correct amount.

Keep the other half of the ticket for your records.

Hand the completed raffle tickets and payment in at reception.

**There will be a mini chocolate hamper for the Learning Community that sells the most tickets.** Extra tickets can be obtained from the school reception, so please sell to family, friends & colleagues and don't forget 100% of the funds raised benefit the school. The draw will take place at **8 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020** at The TGS VE75 Quiz Night. Winners not present will be notified via phone.

### YEAR 13 PRE-BALL FIZZ

The PTA be will hosting the traditional 'Strawberries and Fizz' celebration for Year 13 students and their parents.

We warmly invite Year 13s, their families and their plus-ones to join Mrs Joyce and the Sixth Form Tutor Team for drinks and photos from 5 - 7pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June to mark their time at TGS. We will serve bubbly with strawberries outside the IBarn, or inside if the weather is inclement. Non-alcoholic and sugar-free drinks will be also available.

We would very much like to welcome all Year 13 students and their parents to this event, whether they are attending the ball afterwards or not.

**Prior booking only online via the PTA portal**

### YEAR 11 BREAKFAST

TGS PTA are organising the celebration breakfast for the Year 11 pupils to congratulate them on finishing their exams.

There will be fruit & snacks on the lawn outside the drama studios and a chance to take a few photos before Mrs Joyce's assembly.

We will be setting up from 8:15 am, for a 9:30 am start, and hopefully there will be glorious sunshine!

If you are attending and could help set up please contact Lynn Gadsby at [pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and Good Luck!