



TGS PTA Newsletter

Spring 2016

New TGS PTA Website!

Your PTA is delighted to launch its new website where you can:

- See information about PTA events
- Buy tickets for PTA events
- Buy second hand uniform
- Buy merchandise eg TGS bears, jute bags
- Make a donation
- Volunteer to help

www.pta-events.co.uk/tgs

The first step is for all parents to register please. It takes no more than two minutes - see page 5 for details. You can also access the PTA website directly via the PTA footer on the school website.

Summer Ball

We are pleased to invite you to the Tonbridge Grammar School Summer Ball on Saturday 16th July 2016.

Tickets are £75 and on sale now on the website above, along with full details of the event. Numbers are strictly limited and tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Tables are for 10 guests. You may book individually or as a couple and we will seat you with others, or feel free to arrange your own table. See page 2 for details.

The Big Outdoors

Your PTA is supporting the school's 'Big Outdoors' project, the third and final stage of the PYP campaign. All funds raised from the Summer Ball will contribute to new outdoor facilities at TGS that will encourage life-long enjoyment of fitness, sport and outdoor activities for all.

Summer Ball



Enjoy a wonderful evening in a beautiful dining room and marquee amongst friends in the grounds of Somerhill School.

Prosecco Reception
Fine Dining - Three Course Dinner
Live Band and Dancing
Silent Auction

Tickets £75 available to buy at www.pta-events.co.uk/tgs now. Tables of 10 available only. We will be happy to match you up with other guests, or you can get together with other parents or friends (including those not at TGS) and make up your own table of ten.

MENU

Starter

Hot Smoked Salmon and Spinach Roulade served with Horseradish and Lemon Cream
Rustic Bread Selection
Vegetarian: Melon and Fig Salad with Ginger Syrup

Main Course

Seared Breast of Chicken served with a Woodland Mushroom Mousseline
Thyme Crushed New Potatoes in a Red Wine Jus
Seasonal Vegetables
Vegetarian: Woodland Mushroom and Truffle Risotto served with Rocket Leaves and Parmesan Crackle

Dessert Assiette

Mini Summer Pudding, Chocolate Torte and Lemon Posset served with Vanilla Anglaise

What has the PTA bought for school?

In the last five years we have raised over **£130,000!** Every penny raised has or will be invested in the school or to directly benefit the students. Here are some of the things we bought.

Music PODs



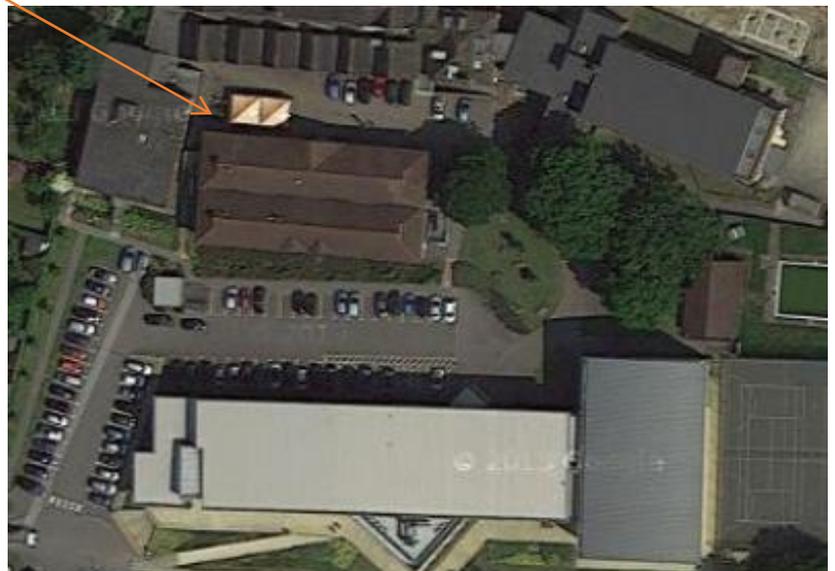
WiFi for the IBarn



Gymnastics Mats for the PE Department



Large outdoor covered hut for additional break seating, 'The Bubble'



Cameras for the Drama Department



Get Involved!

Getting involved with, supporting and volunteering your help for PTA events is fulfilling, a lot of fun and is vitally important for the school. All of the children at TGS benefit from PTA events and fundraising. You do not need to be on the Committee to get involved, you can offer to be an 'Area Rep' or a 'Friend of the PTA'. Area Reps organise local social events and Friends provide support for PTA events but they do not normally attend Committee meetings (which take place once a term).

Would **YOU** like to **join the Committee** or become an **Area Rep/Friend of the PTA**?

Have **YOU** got a good idea for an **event or activity** that could raise money for the school?

Does **YOUR** employer provide **matched funding or support** for your charitable activities?

Do **YOU** have a **skill** that could be useful?

Do **YOU** have **contacts/suppliers** who could help the school save money, to add to the PTA database?

Please contact the PTA by email at: pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk

Your PTA Committee: Paola Marshall & Kate Phillips (Co-chairs), Andrew Latcham (Treasurer), Helen Sullivan (Secretary), Renee Birdi, Roisin Connell, Jenny Cooper, Jeni Dapper, Jane Florey, Laura Gardner, Caroline Ghali, Lorraine Latcham, Alison MacGregor, Nikki Myers, Stephanie Reynolds, Hillary Saville, Jennifer Silk, Angela Tsang, Shelia Viola, Liz Whitehead

easyfundraising
.org.uk

To date we have raised £1,583 from www.easyfundraising.org.uk, an excellent FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at the same time, at no cost to you, raise funds for TGS.

We currently have 75 registered supporters, so there are many families at TGS who have not yet registered to support us. If you shop online, please register now – we are missing out on free money!

Register your cause as Tonbridge Grammar School and upload the 'Donation Reminder' so you never miss a donation.

Remember to go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk to every retailer's website and they will reward your shopping with a donation to TGS.

PTA Website Registration

www.pta-events.co.uk/tgs

Registration

The first step is for parents to register – it only takes a minute. All data is held securely.

1. Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/tgs
2. Click on 'Register' (top row of icons, far right), input the details requested and create your own password. To ensure that you are always up-to-date with PTA events and offers, please leave the 'Sign up to our newsletter' box ticked. Click the 'Register' button beneath.
3. Finally, go to 'My Account' (top row of icons, second right) and complete the 'Details' tab and the 'Class Mailing List' tab (there are no class passwords required).

What's On

To find out more information about an event click on the event name in the 'What's On' section.

Buy Tickets and Products

To buy products or tickets for an event click on 'Shop' (top row of icons) to see the full list, or for a specific event go via the event in the 'What's On' section.

Specify the number of tickets/items and click 'Update Basket' before 'Checkout'.

During the checkout process you may be asked questions (eg dietary requirements) – hover over the '?' buttons to see the question in full and please answer accordingly.

To secure your transaction we use PayPal to collect your payment. You can pay by credit or debit card via PayPal or use your own PayPal account. PayPal is a safer, faster, more secure way to pay online and your financial details are never shared with Tonbridge Grammar School PTA. PayPal use SSL (secure socket layers) which encrypt all the data with 128 bit encryption.

To volunteer to help at an event (we always need more helpers, please!), click on 'volunteer' at checkout or within the event details.

Confidentiality and Security

TGS PTA and the website host, PTA Events, take the security of your personal data very seriously. We will not pass any email addresses or personal details on to third parties (except where required by law), nor will we send out nuisance emails.

We would like to receive feedback on the new website and we are of course happy to answer any questions you may have. Please email Kate Phillips at pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk

Second Hand Uniform

If you have any outgrown uniform in good condition to donate to the Second Hand Uniform Shop, please hand it in to the School Office. We particularly need donations of summer dresses, please.

We only sell second hand items in good condition, ones that we would be happy for our own daughters to wear. We shop as you would shop eg if we have several identical items in stock, we dispatch the best first and so on. We will gladly arrange an exchange if an item is not suitable but regret we cannot give refunds.

Buy Online

There is a full stock list of our Second Hand Uniform Shop on the PTA website. Go to 'About Us' on the top row of icons, then 'Second Hand Uniform' to see the full list, which is updated at least weekly.

If there are items you wish to buy, make a note of the item description, size and quantity and return to the online shop page. Add up the total for your order and amend the 'Price' box above to show that total. In the 'Quantity' box put 1.

Then continue through checkout to complete your purchase. As you go through checkout you will be asked to list the items, sizes and quantities you wish to buy and the total cost of your order.

When your order is ready for despatch you will receive an email to ask your daughter to collect it from the School Office.

Buy in Person

As well as selling online, the Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open in Tigger Towers during the lunch hour on the dates publicised on our website. Girls may select items and pay in cash on the day or take the items home with an invoice from Tigger Towers to make payment online.

If you have an invoice from Tigger Towers please pay online - input the total into the 'Price' box in the online shop. In the 'Quantity' box put 1. Then continue through the checkout process to complete your purchase. As you go through the checkout you will be asked whether you are paying an invoice from Tigger Towers and to input the invoice number.

On Consultation Evenings, the shop will be open from 6.00 - 7.30pm in the Hands Building or IBarn for cash/cheque purchases only.

Contact Second Hand Uniform

We are very grateful to mum and PTA member Stephanie Reynolds, who does an incredible job organising our second hand uniform. If you have any questions, please email Stephanie at secondhanduniform@tgs.kent.sch.uk

TGS Merchandise

Available for sale on the PTA website we have TGS bears and jute shopping bags. When you have ordered online you will receive an email asking your daughter to collect the items from the School Office.

We will be expanding the range of TGS merchandise – keep on eye on the website for new items soon.



Make a Donation

If you find that you can't come to one of our events, why not consider making a donation on the PTA website instead? This is a great way of showing your support for the PTA and the school.

We are as happy to receive small donations as large ones. Every little helps and every penny is invested in improving the education of all our children.

As you proceed through the checkout you will have the opportunity to Gift Aid the donation, if appropriate.

Thank you very much for supporting TGS!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 16 July Summer Ball

Friday 7 October Family Quiz Night

Sunday 4 December Winter Fair