



Friends of Bullers Wood

Registered Charity 1024413

Dear Parents and Carers

Friends of Bullers Wood PTA – Supporting our students

Who we are

Friends of Bullers Wood PTA (FoBW) is a charity run by parents and carers, staff and governors providing support to the school. The contributions letter attached sets out how you can help the school financially, however we also value your time and ideas as much as any monetary contribution.

We run a number of fund-raising events. Each year we support the school concerts and play, run quiz nights, Christmas Fayres and help out with Sports Day.

During this challenging year, we have had to change the way we fundraise for the school and have held Zoom Family Quiz Nights, a Zumbathon and held a Christmas and Spring Hamper Raffle.

This short video gives you an idea of what we do and how you can get involved:

<https://vimeo.com/460077847/57bc8fd293>

How you can get involved

Willing hands

We need as many parents as possible to get involved and help us run these events and run FoBW. We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas to help fundraise for the school and/or if you can help us in our fundraising events (even if only once or twice a year).

Sponsorship

Increasingly we are looking to partner with local businesses to provide sponsorship and prizes. We've had considerable success this year finding sponsorship for events and purchases of vital equipment for students. Please let us know if you can help in this area.

Social Media

We're on Facebook and would value your support at <https://www.facebook.com/BWFriends/>. The more followers we can get the greater the reach we can offer to would-be business sponsors. Please take a moment to follow us and regularly "like" our posts and respond to requests for assistance.

How funds have been used

All the funds raised by FoBW directly benefit our students. Over recent years, items we have purchased include:

- Essential equipment to assist in remote learning;
- Science kit for a school laboratory that would otherwise have been out-of-operation until the school could afford equipment;

- New computers for the Art Department to replace previous kit that had become unusable due to age;
- Sound system repairs for the school hall to ensure that the school productions could take place and be heard;
- Replacement white-boards with additional software to facilitate maths teaching;
- GCSE text books;
- Refurbishing toilet blocks for students.

You will always be welcome

We meet each half term to plan how to support the school. Meetings are usually on the second Monday of each half term in the school library from 7pm-8pm, although currently these are being held on Zoom until further notice. All parents and carers are automatically members and we would love to see you there. You will be sent an invitation to the first meeting and AGM each year – for details of other meetings please email us.

If you'd like to come to our next meeting, would like to join our mailing list to be kept up to date with our news or have any ideas please do email us at friendsofbullerswoodgirls@gmail.com. You can also check our webpage for regular updates about what we do at <http://www.bwsgirls.org/friends-of-bullers-wood-2/>

Best wishes,

Lucy Brooks, Chair of FoBW, and Helen Tricard, Deputy Chair of FoBW