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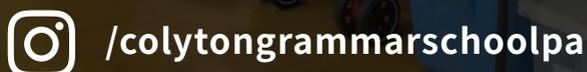
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# WELCOME TO THE COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Starting a new school can be a challenging time for parents as well as children. New students at Colyton Grammar School are very well looked after, and they have one another for support, but for parents and guardians it's not always so easy to find your bearings.

With this in mind, the Parents' Association (PA) have put together this welcome handbook, containing all the information you need to help you settle in. This includes second-hand uniform, fundraising events, contact information and details about our wonderful Parents' Book Club - a great way to make new friends with other CGS parents in your area.

All parents, guardians and staff at Colyton are automatically members of the PA so you don't need to sign up. We exist to support the students and the school through fundraising, aiming to foster good parent-school relations and to nurture the very strong sense of community that exists within the school.

All our contact details and information about events and activities can be found on our website. But for starters I hope you find this handbook useful and informative. Please do get in touch if you have any other questions.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy being part of the Parents' Association and wish you and your family many happy years at Colyton Grammar School.

**Sara Glazebrook**

**Colyton Grammar School Parents' Association**

**Email: [chair@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:chair@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)**

## WHY BE A PART OF THE PA?

**The CGS Parents' Association is here to help new parents connect with each other and to provide a network of vital information and support at what can be an overwhelming time for us all. We do this via a few routes:**

### NEW PARENTS' TEA

This is an annual event for new parents that usually takes place in the first week of term. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow parents as well as the Head, form tutors and even a few students. With the exceptional events of 2020 we are not yet sure when this event can take place, but we are very much hoping to be able to invite you in to school soon. Stay tuned for details!

### TUTOR GROUP CONTACT LIST

The PA collects contact details from new Year 7 parents for each tutor group and supplies them to those who wish to have them. It is entirely up to you if you want to supply your details (data protection laws mean the school cannot distribute them), but most parents find it very useful to have contact details of other parents. Your child will most likely make friends with others in the same tutor group and having their parents' contact details comes in handy.

Please register your details here [www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/year-7-parents-contact-list](http://www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/year-7-parents-contact-list) or tick the box on the enclosed form and return to us in the provided envelope.

### PA MEETINGS

PA meetings are a great opportunity to meet parents from other year groups and tap in to their knowledge and experience as your child progresses through the school. These take place once a term, normally in school although sometimes we venture out to the pub. The AGM is held in October. The Headteacher usually attends and gives an informal report on current school matters, so it's a chance to find out all that is happening at CGS and in education as a whole.

**Look out for an email detailing time and location of your next PA meeting and please do come along - everyone is welcome.**

## THE CGSPA BOOK CLUB

Since it started in 2001, the Book Club has gone from strength to strength. The club is divided into local branches so that you can meet other Colyton parents from your area. Everyone reads the same book, chosen in turn by each branch, and we meet once or twice per term either at a local pub or at each other's homes for a chat, but more importantly to socialise!

### Current branches are centred around:

Bridport	Lyme Regis / Colyford	Exeter	Exmouth
Sidmouth / Newton Poppleford	Somerset	West Hill	

Please register your details here [www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/book-club](http://www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/book-club) or tick the box on the enclosed form and return to us in the provided envelope.

[www.facebook.com/CGSPABookClub](http://www.facebook.com/CGSPABookClub)

The Book Club is very popular and we always welcome new members. Please head to the Book Club page of the PA website for more details. You can also register to join the club from there and your local branch leader will contact you. (If you wish to start a new group in a different area, please contact the PA)

Email: [bookclub@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:bookclub@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

The PA handles all the second-hand uniform sales for the school. Buying second-hand is a good way to save money and recycle. Because of Covid-19 restrictions we will not be holding our usual sales but our second-hand uniform co-ordinator will be doing her very best to match up second hand uniform with parents who are looking for something specific. Please **email us** or fill in the uniform enquiry form via the PA website and we will get back to you.

[www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/uniforms](http://www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/uniforms)

During the summer holidays 2020 all proceeds from second-hand uniform sales will go to the Digital 4 All Campaign.

Email: [uniform@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:uniform@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)

## WHAT DOES THE PA DO FOR THE SCHOOL & STUDENTS?

Colyton Grammar School is an outstanding school where students are taught by dedicated teachers in well-equipped classrooms, language suites and laboratories. The PA helps to provide some of the extras, through events and fundraising, that the school budget is unable to cover.



Over the Summer of 2020 we are working closely with school on the **Digital4All** campaign. The school's aim is to provide every student in school with a laptop. A policy of 1 student:1 device will enable all students to benefit from the very best of 'blended learning'. This means that teachers will be able to use a combination of traditional face-to-face teaching together with learning via technology. No more outdated textbooks and sharing screens. A target of 1 student:1 device also ensures consistency and equality for all. Every pupil, regardless of background, gets the same opportunities to excel within a nurturing and fair environment.

Child safeguarding is of the utmost importance and school-owned and controlled devices mean better protection from the negative aspects of an online world. The devices are for schoolwork and not for entertainment, and will have the same restrictions in place at home as they would in school.

It is also more efficient for the school to provide IT support centrally and ensure that each student receives consistency and quality across software applications. More information on the campaign is available at [www.facebook.com/ColytonGrammarSchoolPA](https://www.facebook.com/ColytonGrammarSchoolPA)

This is not the first major contribution to facilities that the PA have undertaken: in the summer of 2017, we concluded our **Space4Science** appeal having successfully raised **£100,000** for the total conversion and refurbishment of a new science lab.

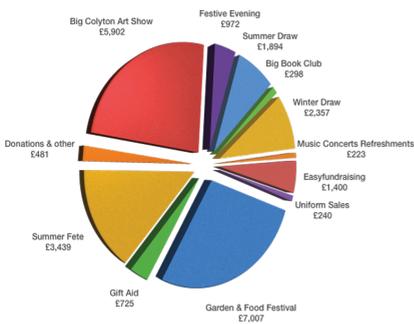
In recent years the PA was very pleased to be able to contribute **£22,000** to the furnishing and equipping of the new Music Centre including musical instruments. We have contributed to many other projects including the last refurbishment of the Library and the Art Centre, we have provided digital cameras for Art, Raspberry Pi computers and robotics equipment for IT, new sports vests and rugby shirts for PE and regular year 8 First Aid Courses. Previously we have contributed **£20,000** towards the updating of the School's IT infrastructure and expanding the existing data storage.

In 2014 the PA paid the full **£19,000** to secure a new minibus. We have paid for the very popular outdoor table tennis tables, equipment for Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, iPads for PE and contributed to the new 3D printer. All these contributions facilitated by PA fundraising and the generosity of parents make a very real difference to the school and students.

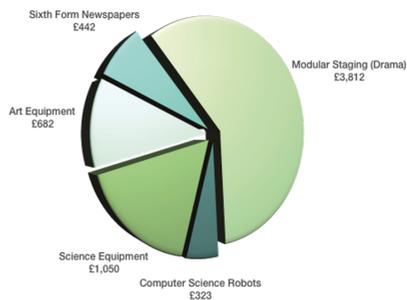
All proceeds from our events go towards raising money for the school for the benefit of our children's education. It is very rewarding to work together and new parents are particularly welcomed to help in any way they can.

## FINANCES

### Income 2018-2019



### Grants to the School 2019-2019



## RECENT APPEALS



**COMPLETE**



**ONGOING**

## EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

### A CHANCE TO MEET FELLOW PARENTS AND HAVE FUN

Raising much-needed funds for the school is only part of what we do. The PA also provides a chance for parents and guardians to meet with others in the school family through a series of annual events. Come along and enjoy them or get involved by helping out. We are very much hoping that we will see a return to normal activities next year.

### 500 CLUB

The 500 Club is a relaunch of the PA's traditional 250 Club, except with the opportunity for more members to win a prize. There are 10 monthly draws between October 2020 and July 2021, each with a top prize of £100 and five runners up prizes of £25 each. The 60 prizes up for grabs throughout the year will result in a total prize pot of £2,250.

Entries will be paid in advance via an annual subscription of £20 (details will be announced towards the end of the of the summer holidays) and, since the club is registered with the Local Council Authority, we are able to invite anyone to join. Each person may apply for as many subscriptions as they wish, so please do share this news with family, friends and neighbours. It is an ideal opportunity for family members who live further afield to join the CGS community, and have a little fun each month too. Proceeds from the club will be going directly to the school's urgent Digital 4 All campaign.

**Email: [500club@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:500club@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)**

### SUMMER FETE

Every summer, the school holds an after-school fete late in the final term. It is organised by the (mostly younger) students. There is always a great theme (last year's being Journeys) with a great array of entertainment, stalls, games and refreshments. This event is not to be missed!

### SUMMER & WINTER DRAWS

Each year the PA organise summer and winter raffle draws. We have fantastic prizes such as a £350 voucher for Salcombe Harbour Hotel, dining vouchers for the Pig at Combe and a Fortnum and Mason hamper. This is a great and easy way to support the school whilst also having the chance of winning some amazing experiences.



## COLYTON GARDEN & FOOD FESTIVAL

The Festival is an annual event and is held at the school, traditionally on the second Saturday in May. In 2019 we welcomed 1400 visitors to the Festival and raised £7,007.

Over 60 stalls offer a wide variety of produce and products, from local food producers, craft stalls and specialist nurseries. There are also the added attractions of a BBQ, cream teas, raffle, tombola, music entertainment by the students and a children's activity area.

Sadly, the 2020 Festival was cancelled due to Covid-19, however the organisers hosted a very popular 'Virtual Colyton Garden and Food Festival' where 'visitors' were invited to send in photographs of what they were doing instead of being at the event. If you would like to see what we were all up to please visit the Festival Facebook page [www.facebook.com/colytingardenfoodfestival](https://www.facebook.com/colytingardenfoodfestival) and scroll to May 8th and 9th 2020.

Find out more at: [www.colytingardenfoodfestival.uk](https://www.colytingardenfoodfestival.uk)

 [www.facebook.com/colytingardenfoodfestival](https://www.facebook.com/colytingardenfoodfestival)

 [www.instagram.com/colytingardenfoodfestival](https://www.instagram.com/colytingardenfoodfestival)

Email: [stalls@colytingardenfoodfestival.uk](mailto:stalls@colytingardenfoodfestival.uk)



## **BIG COLYTON ART SHOW**

The art show runs every other year in the autumn term, and is the second event in the PA calendar when we are able to welcome members of the public into school.

BCAS is a weekend exhibition and sale of art from professional artists and Colyton students. Over £100,000 of art is on show and there is also a shop selling smaller items. There are workshops, student art and a café too. The three shows have so far raised £35,000 for PA funds.

Sadly, the October 2020 event has been cancelled due to Covid-19 but we are already excited to be planning ahead for the next BCAS, date to be confirmed shortly.

**Find out more at: [www.thebigcolytonartshow.co.uk](http://www.thebigcolytonartshow.co.uk)**

**Email: [bcas@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:bcas@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)**



## SILENT AUCTION

Our own online auction is held every other year in the spring. The auction lots have been exciting and varied including:

- A tour of the Ariel factory including a passenger ride in the Ariel Atom or Nomad
- A week's stay in a secluded holiday cottage on the Isle of Harris
- A signed Scotland Rugby ball and shirt
- Cakes and brownies baked by students
- VIP hospitality tickets for the 2020 Tour of Britain

The last auction raised £2,243.

Email: [silentauction@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:silentauction@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)

## CGS MUSIC & DRAMA PERFORMANCES

There are many fantastic school music and drama performances across the year. The PA provides refreshments at these. Please do come along, even if your child is not performing themselves – the talent at the school is outstanding and you'll have a great evening.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We understand that with our busy working lives not all parents have free time to offer hands-on help. Please just do what you can! A donation for a raffle or tombola, a cake for a bake sale, a small financial donation or even buying a book of raffle tickets when they come home with your child – it all adds up to our amazing fundraising effort. The average PA raises **£5-10,000** per year – Your CGSPA raises an average of **£30,000** per year. And the school needs us more than ever to help fund items that are simply not in their budget.

We also hope that you'll enjoy being actively involved in some of our events and projects, whether it's the Book Club, coming to a meeting, joining the committee or helping at an event, you are always most welcome.

If you would like to be added to our PA helpers list please register your details here [www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/parent-helpers](http://www.colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk/parent-helpers) or tick the box on the enclosed form and return to us in the provided envelope.

**We sincerely hope you and your child have a very happy time at Colyton Grammar School.**

**Email: [chair@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk](mailto:chair@colytongrammarschoolpa.org.uk)**

## THE LEGAL BIT

Any contact information that you give to CGSPA is treated with the utmost care. We do not give your details to any third parties and your contact information is only used for the purposes for which it is given. We fully comply with GDPR regulations.

## EASYFUNDRAISING AND AMAZON SMILE

Lockdown has meant the Parents' Association has had to cancel some of our key fundraising events in 2020, losing significant potential to support the school when and where we can.

A great way to help us plug this gap without doing anything or spending any extra, is by using easyfundraising and/or Amazon Smile when you shop online.

If you're not familiar with this way of donating, the idea is simple. You simply begin your shop by going via the easyfundraising or Amazon Smile websites and once you have checked out they make a donation to the PA.



**Easyfundraising** has over 4000 high street retailers and brand names to shop with. Just go to [easyfundraising.org.uk/colytongrammarschoolpa/](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/colytongrammarschoolpa/) when you start your online shopping.



**Amazon Smile** works in a similar way, donating 0.5% of the net purchase price of your purchase to the Colyton Grammar School Parents' Association. It is exactly the same experience as buying anything on Amazon and you do not need to spend any more to support the PA. Go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to start shopping.

Supporting the CGSPA via easyfundraising and Amazon Smile is not limited to Parents and Guardians. It is a simple way for other family members to support school and our children.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

We regularly post details of forthcoming events, general information and updates on our fundraising activities throughout the year and hopefully it will enable you to get connected with other Colyton parents.



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