

Hampton School Parents' Association



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A very warm welcome from the Hampton School Parents' Association (HSPA) to which all parents automatically become members when their son joins Hampton School.

The HSPA provides a link between parents and the School, and organises various social events throughout the year, serving the dual purpose of strengthening the social bonds between parents and raising funds for extra, non-essential items for the boys whilst at Hampton. The three main social events for parents over the past year have been a Quiz night in the Autumn term, a Race Night in the Spring and a very popular Comedy night, "Live at Hampton" in the Summer.

We get together once a term to consider proposals from the School regarding how to spend the money that we raise. The big ticket item last year was the investment in satellite equipment to turn the Hammond Theatre into a "National Theatre Live" venue, regularly screening live shows involving the big names of the British theatre. We run the bar at all NT Live events, which has become a fun social activity in its own right. This year the projects that we have funded include the purchase of two colonies of bees and beekeeping equipment, the kit to enable boys to build model aeroplanes and drones, and a sizeable contribution towards the new "Hampton Radio" station that is planned for the autumn.

Each Form has one or two representatives whose role it is to be the social link for parents in the Form. This can be useful in a number of ways including learning about your son's common interests with other boys and in facilitating your own time management, for example car sharing for sports fixtures. Form Reps also support the Committee in running HSPA events. There is an informal meeting of Form Reps once a term - the meeting is a forum for information exchange and is a further communication channel with the School. It is also an excellent way of getting to know more about the School and allows you to meet other parents.

For data protection purposes, formal emails from the School are sent out and controlled via the School's own database. However, in order to facilitate links between parents, each year we compile a list of parents' contact details (name, address and email) which are circulated by the Form Reps to other parents in your son's Form and/or year group.

We hope you will want to become part of the thriving community that exists within the HSPA - do come to our events, and we hope this will inspire you to get involved. It's great fun and we are delighted to accept anything you can offer in terms of your time. See us at the New Parents events, or email HSPA@hamptonschool.org.uk

Regards



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Chair, HSPA