



Autumn Term 2015

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Hampton School Parents' Association

Welcome to a new school year in the life of Hampton School. We would particularly like to welcome all the parents of the boys joining the school and it was great to meet some of you at the new boys events at the end of last term. I do hope your boys have settled into the school without too many problems!

As parents of the school you are automatically members of the HSPA. We really hope you will get involved and whether it is by taking an active role, or simply coming along to one of our events, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

All the money we raise is spent on a variety of extras which

are to the benefit of all of the boys with such items recently purchased being a new golf practice bay, GPS tracking systems for Duke of Edinburgh expeditionists, new basketball hoops and contributions to the Film club.

We are also proud and excited to announce a large contribution which enables the Hammond Theatre to convert into a cinema allowing screenings of National Theatre "Live" events. Keep an eye on the Hammond theatre website and school emails for details of the upcoming events, including Benedict Cumberbatch's "Hamlet", "Of Mice and Men", "Jane Eyre" and "As You Like It".

CHALLENGE UNIVERSALLY CHALLENGED!

A date for your diary - the popular HSPA Quiz Night returns to the Main Hall on Saturday 7th November. Full details will be provided in the next couple of weeks, along with an entry form. Start thinking about getting your team together and come along to see if you can stop "Universally Challenged", the winners from the last two years, getting their hat-trick!

AGM

Finally, I would like to invite you to our AGM on Monday 28th September at 7pm. The AGM will be followed by a presentation of the "Avon Tyrrell" trip to first year parents, followed by a drinks and nibbles reception. At the AGM we will be electing the new committee, and Rob and I would like to introduce you to Tom Smith who will be taking over as the new HSPA Chair. Tom has been a stalwart of the HSPA in his role as secretary and I am sure he will be a great Chair going forward. On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to everyone who has helped and supported myself and Rob over the last two years. We have been fortunate to have a great team and it has been a joy and a privilege to be the co-chairs. We will both continue to support the HSPA and the school and we hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.

We really hope you will want to get involved, and if you can't make the AGM, the first meeting of the new HSPA committee will be on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm - please contact us at hspa@hamptonschool.org.uk if you are interested in getting involved. Pete Parkin & Rob Dollery, Co-chairs HSPA peteparkin@btinternet.com / dollerysrj@virginmedia.com

From Hampton to Vegas



At the end of last term we held the 3rd annual "Live at Hampton" Comedy night in the 450 Hall (Hammond Theatre). The evening was a great success as one of our best line-ups ever brought the sound of laughter to fill the hall. One of the acts that night was the brilliant ventriloquist Paul Zerdin. I had tried to get Paul every year, and this year he was finally available. We were indeed privileged to have him along, as a few nights later he auditioned for "America's Got Talent", doing so well that last week he was crowned the winner! His prize of \$1m was substantially more than his fee from Hampton, and his other reward for winning is to headline his own show in Las Vegas! All of our acts are provided by the great guys at the Bearcat Comedy Club in St Margaret's. If you enjoyed "Live at Hampton" pay a visit to the Turks Head to see fantastic comedy every Saturday night.