

# HSPA NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAMPTON SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HSPA

FOR those of us lucky enough to have sons at Hampton, the Christmas holidays may not bring much in the way of a Silent Night! But the winter break does give us time to come together, reflect on the year gone by and give thanks for all that we have achieved.

For the HSPA, 2022 has been a time of bringing our School community back together after two years of lockdowns. Although the sad death of Her Majesty The Queen prevented us from running our annual Summer Social, we have supported numerous other events including our sell-out Quiz Night and meet-ups within class and year groups.

This year we have also provided funds for over a dozen School Wishbids, so read on to find out where your money has been spent. We are delighted to fund a series of special HSPA Prizes for the School's Prizegiving events too.

Finally, in the spirit of **#HamptonTogetherness**, we are proud to have raised record amounts for charity, including various Ukraine initiatives, the local Shooting Star Chase Hospices and the School's vital Fitzwygram Foundation which allows the widest possible access to Hampton for all local boys. This is all the more remarkable when set against the background of the current cost of living crisis, so thank you to all who donated prizes, helped out at events, bought tickets and entered our charity raffles.

So as this year draws to a close, we wish you and your family the very merriest of Christmases and we look forward to being part of our special Hampton community together in 2023.

With warm wishes,

THE HSPA COMMITTEE





## SAVE THE DATE! HSPA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please save the date for the upcoming HSPA socials and other key events.

**HSPA AGM: Monday 23 January**

**Comedy Night: Saturday 18 March**

**Secondhand Uniform Sale: TBC**

**Summer Social: TBC**

**DATES  
FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

Our popular comedy night will feature a selection of side-splitting acts from London's longest-running comedy club Bearcat Comedy. Details on the full line-up and tickets will be released in the New Year.

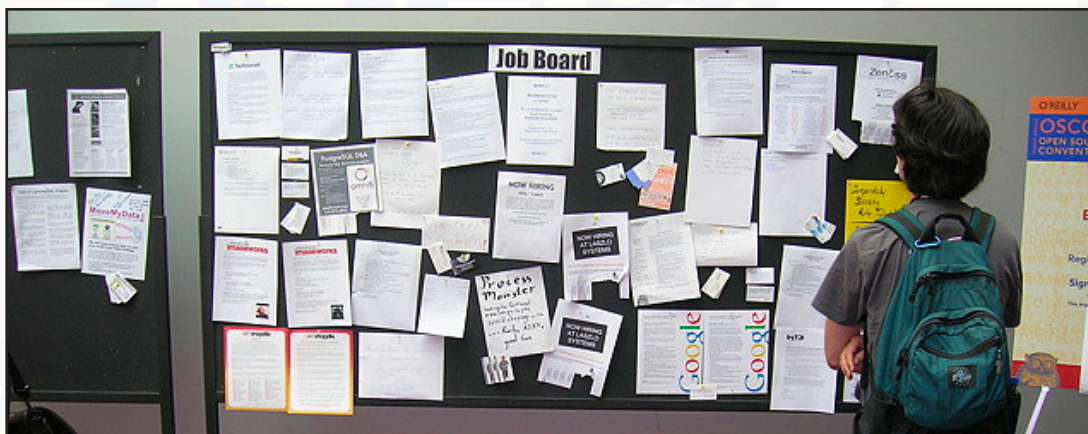
### NOTICE OF THE HSPA AGM

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

THE Hampton School Parents' Association (HSPA) hereby gives notice of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the HSPA on Monday 23 January 2023 at 7:30pm. All members are welcome.

The event will highlight the work of the HSPA and how the organisation is supporting our School community. To make it accessible for all who wish to attend, the event will be held online with a Zoom link to follow prior to the event.

### HSPA POSITIONS VACANT



Events Organiser: Are you brimming with bright ideas to make our annual HSPA events even bigger and better? We're looking for a new **Events Organiser** to co-ordinate running our much-loved Quiz Night, Comedy Night and Summer Social. This exciting and sociable volunteer role would suit someone with strong organisational skills and local community contacts. The time commitment is a few hours per month including HSPA termly meetings and you have the full support of the HSPA Committee and Class Rep helpers too.

It's a vital job which puts you right at the heart of the Hampton School community, so we'd love to hear from you. To find out more, please get in touch at

[hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk](mailto:hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk)

## **WE WISHBID YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



HAVE you ever wondered where the funds you help the HSPA raise go to? As part of our charitable role, we provide 'added extras' to enrich your son's education and pay for special items to make life at Hampton even more exciting. Here's a little taste of items the HSPA has funded this year!

### **Honey extractor for the Beekeeping Club**

### **Buzzer for the inter-form quizzes**

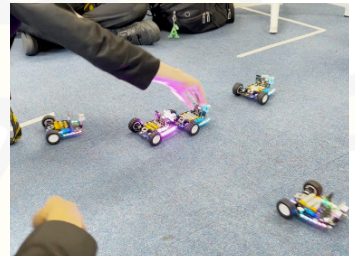
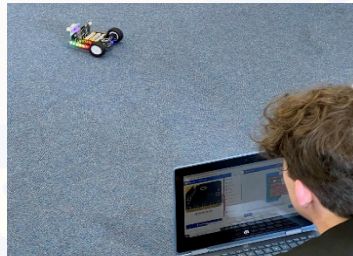
Watch the video to see them in action at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-\\_ZgpFqoc3A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_ZgpFqoc3A)

Metal detectors for the Archaeology Club. See more about the club at <https://youtu.be/2-ukk8VvB58>

### **Games for the Board Games Club**



### **20 Bit Bot Robots**



### **Equipment for the Gardening Club.**

The club leader said: "We have had massive success with the flowers and veg - the potato harvest was fantastic in our recycled dustbins and over the summer the squashes wandered right across the quad. There are climbing beans, lemon balm and courgettes as well as rocket, spinach and other spicy leaves. The boys even managed to take home some salad they had grown!"

### **Weatherproof jackets for the Adventure Society**

Get involved at <https://hamptonschool.org.uk/co-curricular/school-clubs-societies/adventure-society>

### **Funding for the Genocide 80Twenty Society**

Find out more about their work <https://hamptonschool.org.uk/co-curricular/school-clubs-societies/genocide-80twenty>

### **Shell Eco Marathon funding**

Discover what the team are up to at

<https://hamptonschool.org.uk/co-curricular/school-clubs-societies/shell-eco-marathon>

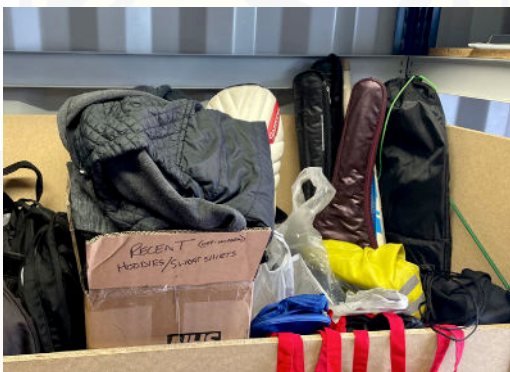


## **LOST PROPERTY & SECONDHAND SALE SUCCESS!**

A RECENT poll found a child wears on average 480 items of uniform over their school career, costing parents over £6,000!

One way to keep those costs down is to buy pre-loved uniform. The HSPA runs two Secondhand Sales each year in November and June offering Hampton-branded uniform and sports clothing in great condition.

Last month's sale raised almost £3,000 towards our charitable spending, so thank you to all who donated and bought items and to the volunteer Secondhand Sale team run by Kristina Cornish.



The other way to keep your costs down is to ensure your son keeps hold of the items you have already bought! Each year at Hampton, our HSPA lost property volunteers handle thousands of pieces of lost property – but two thirds of all items never find their way back to the owner as they are not named.

From sports socks to blazers to full cricket bags containing hundreds of pounds worth of kit, not labelling your son's items means you are losing cash as well as uniform.

### **Here's how to ensure your son is reunited with his items:**

**Label it!** As well as uniform, label everything from shoes and socks to sports equipment to water bottles. If it is named, we can get it back to him.

**Ask your son to go to the Lost Property Hut:** All Lost Property items are sent to the HSPA Lost Property Hut. Boys can visit and find their items from 12:30pm to 1:45pm on Tuesdays and Fridays during term time. The Hut is located at the end of the West Car Park between the Sports Hall and the Pavilion.

**Check the Secondhand Sale:** All unnamed items will be kept in the Lost Property Hut for two terms so it's down to your son to take a look and find his items. After two terms, unlabelled, unclaimed property will be donated or sold with proceeds to benefit Hampton School charities.

**Volunteer:** The HSPA Lost Property team is always looking for volunteers to help us sort items and staff the Lost Property Hut – and you may just find what you are missing! Please get in touch at [hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk](mailto:hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk) if you can help.

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE FITZWYGRAM FOUNDATION

*By Anthony Hewitt, Director of the Fitzwygram Foundation*

Happy Christmas from all at the Fitzwygram Foundation. Wishing you and your family a wonderful festive holiday. Thank you for the generosity you have shown not only to the Foundation, but to the School and the wider community throughout this year. As you may know, the Fitzwygram Foundation exists to provide free places at Hampton School to boys from all backgrounds. Your incredible efforts during the year have helped support us in our ambition to fund more completely free places. In doing so this helps us create a School environment that is full of compassion and tolerance, which is brimming with bright boys who will go out into the world and contribute positively towards society. At this time of giving, I know that all of the boys that benefit from a free place are aware of the amazing gift that a Hampton education will bring them.

Merry Christmas,

Anthony



### CAN YOU GIFT THE HSPA AN EARLY XMAS PRESENT?

DID you know there are two ways you can donate to the HSPA without spending a single penny? All the money we raise goes to providing extra support for the School, our sons and the Fitzwygram Foundation, so simply choose one of the options below each time you do an online shop, and we'll receive a donation at no cost to you.

- **Amazon Smile:** Shopping on Amazon? Log on to smile.amazon.co.uk and choose Hampton School Parents Association from the dropdown menu.

- **EasyFundraising:** Register at [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hspa](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hspa) and click on your registration email to download the Easy FundRaising app or Toolbar onto your device. Each time you shop at one of over 4,000 retailers, click to confirm your free donation. The average shopper donates around £100 a year. So please get started and turn clicks into cash for the School community.







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### **THE LAST WORD .....**

THE HSPA is here for all families not just at Christmas but all year round, so please do get it touch at [hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk](mailto:hspa@hamptonSchool.org.uk) for whatever support you need this festive season.

