

**The PSA ~ a forum for parents, staff and students to network and collaborate in order to raise funds for school projects and equipment for students.**

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## The Focus for our Fundraising in 2019!



The Library is one of the most important parts of our school community and used by everyone. It's where all of our junior students have lessons dedicated to exploring their own reading whilst our senior students use it as a place of research and study. Staff and parents use it as a meeting space and at lunch and break times it is home to many clubs and groups organised by our

librarian, Margaret Jones. Last term alone over 3000 fiction and non-fiction books were loaned out!

We want to increase the size of the library and refurbish the interior so we can create a modern and vibrant study, research and library space befitting of a 21st Century grammar school. We will shortly bring you news of the specific plans for this project, and welcome the fundraising efforts of parents and staff via the PSA in 2019, to help bring our vision to fruition!

**Mark McShane, Head Teacher**

## How you can contribute – a reminder...

For more info, contact us on [psa@stroudhigh.co.uk](mailto:psa@stroudhigh.co.uk)

**The Acorn Fund** -for one-off or regular donations. A monthly direct debit of just £2.50 from parents could produce around £25,000 per year. To donate, simply go to our <http://stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk/School-Life/Acorn-Fund>

**Easyfunding** – every time you make an online purchase from one of the 2000 registered retailers, a percentage of the cost goes to our cause. It's so simple – just go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to register, press the 'support a good cause' button, and search for Stroud High School PSA.

**The 200 Club** – our new private society lottery that we're launching in Feb. Membership is limited to 200 parents and will be £21 from Feb to end of Aug. There will be a draw each term, selecting a member who wins up to £250 (based on full membership)!

**PSA news** – be on our email distribution list to receive updates on what we're doing and when we're meeting, so that you can get involved in activities, events, etc. that take your fancy. Contact us on [psa@stroudhigh.co.uk](mailto:psa@stroudhigh.co.uk)

**Attention all Year 7 Parents** - a private donor has generously agreed to match the first £5,000 of donations made by Year 7 parents (or from Year 7 events) between now and the end of the school year... a great incentive for donating or fundraising in whichever interesting ways you can think of!

## Diary Dates

- **Next Pre-loved Uniform sale**  
– Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feb
- **Film & Quiz Night**  
Year 7 parents and students – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb
- **Next PSA meeting**  
– Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm
- **Barn Dance**  
– Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March
- **Business Networking** –  
Provisionally Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar and Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June
- **Sponsored Parachute Jump** Fundraiser  
– 29<sup>th</sup> June (details to be announced shortly)
- **Annual Garden Party**  
– Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July

## PSA CONTACT DETAILS

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## Bulb Energy Fundraiser– update from Sophie Luff Yr7

*I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to the scheme, helping to raise £750 which will be used as vital funds for the school library extension. If anyone else would like to support this important cause, we are still open for more sign-ups. Sophie Luff*

As a reminder, Bulb Energy provider will add an extra £25 to the £50 referral fee which goes towards PSA funds. Bulb obtains all of its electricity and 10% of its gas from renewable sources, is consistently among the cheapest providers, has great customer service, will pay any exit fees, and, for each person who joins, one tonne of carbon dioxide will be saved.

To enjoy these benefits and contribute to the PSA funds, switch to Bulb Energy and encourage others to do so - [www.bulb.co.uk/refer/garyluff](http://www.bulb.co.uk/refer/garyluff)

## Bags2School – thank you!

A big thank you to all parents and students who brought in bags of clothes and unwanted items for our Bags2School collection. We received a total of 218 bags – a whopping 970 kilos, making SHS one of the top 3 highest collecting schools in Gloucestershire. This amount has 'bagged' us a total of £388 towards our Library refurbishment fund – a great start to the year! We'll be organising another collection in a few months' time so do bear that in mind for when you start your spring clear out!

## Christmas Raffle Success!

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and made this a hugely successful fundraiser. We sold 1,481 tickets and after expenses and prizes we cleared a profit of £1,120! Congratulations to our winners: Clare Atherton who won 1st prize of £100 Cash, Joanne Drew and Suzanne Monaghan who won £25 in Amazon Vouchers, Sarah Hayes and Jamie Troy who won a Christmas Hamper basket.

## Summer Garden Party help needed - come and join the team!

It may be the depths of winter but summer is very much in our sights as we begin plans for the 2nd annual SHS Garden Party. Last year was a roaring success, and this year proves to be even more so – with dog show, BBQ, bar, and plenty of activities besides. The sub-committee is just coming together now to start the planning – if you'd like to be part of this, please contact us at [psa@stroudhigh.co.uk](mailto:psa@stroudhigh.co.uk)

