

BURY ST EDMUNDS COUNTY UPPER SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

All County Upper parents are automatically members of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA): it is your PTA. We are very proud as an Upper School to have always had a PTA and is an important aspect of the school. Mrs Neale is our President and attends all our meetings. We meet about once a half term and work to support our children's school in as many ways as we can.

Our main activities include:

- all aspects of the ordering, buying and selling of the **school uniform** and helping new parents obtain the uniform they need;
- meeting parents at **Open Evenings** and answering their questions as well as providing tea and coffee for them on this important evening;
- setting up and serving **refreshments at all school events**. There are lots and lots of different concerts, plays and shows and we are pleased to be a part of them in this way;
- supporting the school's sixth formers as they lead the whole school in a **massive charity fund raising effort each Christmas**. This raises in excess of £12,000 for local, national and international charities each December. We organise a raffle and refreshments on the night of the Charity Revue;
- **organising activities for parents and students**. The Deputy Head students attend our meetings to help inform what we do. Activities include a Craft Fayre each November;
- other recent activities include a pamper evening, coach trips to see shows and/or for shopping and quiz evenings.

The present committee members are:

Mrs Gill Fletcher (Chairman)
Mrs Mary Rose (Treasurer)
Mrs Lynn Anders (Secretary)
Mrs Gill Couves

Mrs Sue Cross
Mrs Angie Delaney
Mrs Jane Newton
Mrs Alison Pepper

Mrs Sarah Pennell
Mrs Lesley Raven
Mrs Marian Rook
Mrs Gill Scott

Mrs Lucy Shalev
Mrs Carole Showell
Mrs Rebekah Smith
Mrs Libby Stone

Mrs Christine Walls
Mrs Helen Wilcock

We are always happy to welcome new members. Our Annual General Meeting will be on THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER at 7.30 pm. This is an informal occasion when you can meet us and enjoy some coffee and cakes.

In recent years, the money we have raised has helped to contribute to:

- **equipping the new buildings for:** Art and Design, Drama, Music, PE and our new Library
- providing funding for some of the many extra-curricular activities on offer. For example, we have helped:



- the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- the Debating and Public Speaking Society
- Music and Drama clubs
- PE to fund kit for school teams
- students go on trips all over the world



- allowing departments to buy items which are "icing on the cake" and equipment like cameras and camcorders which are used across the school.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO DO THE VERY BEST FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AT OUR SCHOOL