

**Friends of Hatcham College PTA Committee Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Attending:**

Clare, Liz, Candy, Karen, Fidelis, Cyril, via zoom: Naomi (minutes), Catherine  
Apologies: Ben, Sam, Alison, Ingrid

**AGENDA:**

**Update with Katie Scott – new head**

Katie emailed to meet with Clare and they had a very positive meeting yesterday. She really listened and wanted to know what we're like as a group and what we're doing. Very much about how can school draw on parents to do positive things at school.  
Clare shared her concerns about sports provision and she already was aware about the need for improved communication.

**Induction Day 5th July**

Refreshments tea/coffee/orange juice and uniform sale  
Starts at 9.30 so volunteers needed from 9am

Action: Clare to ask if there will be a slot for her to say something about FoHC

May not have enough uniform to sell

Action: Karen will take a call – if less than 20 outfits we will not do it. She will arrange a time to sort it if we need to clean/sort it

Action: Candy will organise refreshments

We will give out flyers – don't really have enough photos to do a display

There is a new WhatsApp group 'Hatchlings' QR code to join will be on a print out so parents can join

Cyril mentioned that she has never been inside the school as there was no Year 7 induction in the past couple of years

Action: Cyril will mention this to Katie Scott to see if there can be any opportunities for parents to come in

**Uniform donation sorting**

We will try to get the uniform from Year 11s – invite them to come and drop it at school.

Action: Karen will provide a sign/logo for a box for Pepys site

This includes books, revisions guides

Action: Liz will follow up with head of Maths about collecting any calculators – we could then provide a box for calculators as well

We might be able to have a sale in September – we can do a call out start of each term, but leave boxes in reception so that people can donate at any time

Action: Clare will speak to Trisha to ask reception staff if this will be OK

If lost and found hasn't been claimed by end of year it can go into uniform sale

### **Music placeholders concert**

6-8pm Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June

We will look to offer refreshments – pre 6pm and interval

Need 6-8 people 5pm set up

Action: Candy will reach out to volunteers for this event

Action: Clare will ask Mr Dottridge if there will be space at the back of the hall

### **School production**

11/12/13<sup>th</sup> July

We will offer to do refreshments each night – people taking the lead for a specific night with regard to set up and volunteers:

Cyril & Fidelis - Mon

Liz & Karen - Tues

Candy & Naomi - Weds

Action: Clare will email Mr Dottridge and say we will provide the refreshments

### **Parent get-together for SEND (tbc)**

Clare sent email to Emily Brickell to arrange an event – but likely not to be this term as she has not replied

Katie Scott said there used to be forums each month for parents with children SEND, so this may be something that is started again

### **Internet Banking & Gift Aid**

Ben chasing to see if we can get a card with Metrobank

Ben and another parent looking at implementing Gift Aid

### **Outdoor Space update (Candy / Naomi)**

Candy and Naomi sent school plans and quotes – but had no reply

Candy met someone at Chelsea Flower Show – Grow to Know (Grow2know.org.uk) – working with schools, community groups, doing quite a lot getting young teenagers involved, maths teachers etc – would be ideal to get involved. Not completely free – they design and deliver work

Naomi suggested Candy contact them and see if they have another school they have worked with we can speak to about the experience before we approach Hatcham about it

### **Young carers**

Raised £260 specifically for Young Carers – Rachel Preston will take them on a trip last week of term

### **Library**

Got a list of the books that the library want

Action: Catherine/Clare will liaise with Ben about how to buy the books and delivery

We have stickers that will be put into the books

Librarian has had some book donations as well – Catherine is liaising with her to collect the donations they can't use (eg primary school age) - books can go to other Haberdashers Primary school and New Cross Library

### **Tennis nets**

Clare emailed Miss Edwards and Mr Kemp several times – no response and the groundsman didn't know why there are still no nets

Clare raised with Rob Thomas but he hasn't got back to her

Clare raised with Theo (business manager) that we could have a booking system for parents if there are nets and fundraise through this

### **Oxbridge coaching**

June 24<sup>th</sup> visit to Cambridge – up to 30 Year 12s – a bespoke day with Robinson College. Clare and Estelle will be attending with the students.

Naomi mentioned she had been in contact with The Queen's College in Oxford who are the link college for Lewisham Schools. They were hoping to plan a joint day with Hertford College but had not heard back from Estelle. Naomi emailed Estelle cc-ing in the link at Queen's to try to link them up.

10 parents and 1 alumni are already down to help students with interviews, personnel statements etc. Clare has asked Estelle for a list of subjects so can go out to parents to support with these

### **Forum with Rob Thomas**

Trisha sent an email to say the forum won't be going ahead.

### **2k & 5k Challenge**

Proposed date for this - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September afternoon (3<sup>rd</sup> week back)

For Years 7, 8 9 – good opportunity for new year 7 parents to meet.

Katie Scott is happy to come to it

Sarah Vasey happy to help out

**Action:** Clare will ask Sarah and Debs and Catherine will ask Year 7 parent who was keen to volunteer and is sporty

### **AOB**

Last year Clare did a short zoom call for Year 6 parents at the Free School whose children were going to Hatcham College. Fidelis and Cyril are doing the same this year. Few dates end of June/beginning of July. Catherine says she's happy to help

**Action:** Naomi will contact Myatt parents to see if they would like her to do something similar.

Catherine had a thought whilst hearing about the communication with teachers who are so busy and not always able to respond to things even if they were enthusiastic. It involves creating a space 'parents room' on school site, perhaps once a half term, where parents can come and meet a couple of parents who are able to help them navigate the school and issues they have. It's an idea from Liverpool schools in the 1980s.

**Action:** Catherine will float the idea with Katie Scott from a parent's point of view.