

PTA News

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**Chichester
High School
For Girls**



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Together we achieve

Bargain fashions snapped up!

Over 100 ladies enjoyed a fashion show and opportunity to revamp their wardrobes at the PTA's latest fundraising venture.

The show took place in the Sports Hall in March, hosted by Travelling Trends, a company that buys up surplus stock from quality High Street Chains and sells it on at greatly reduced prices. The PTA supplied four volunteers to model the clothes, and our thanks go to Marlene Moss, Leane Stevenson, Pam Thorne and Michelle Grout-



Smith, who all did a fantastic job - and looked as if they were enjoying themselves as well!

After the catwalk show the audience were able to try on and buy clothes, and browse the jewellery and cosmetics stands. There were some excellent bargains to be had, and at one point quite a queue built up at

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Have you registered yet?

You can now generate cash donations for our school every time you shop on-line by registering with thegivingmachine.co.uk.



During the last year the PTA has been encouraging parents, and their friends and relatives, to help the school by doing their on-line shopping via thegivingmachine.co.uk. This is a web-based shopping portal with links to hundreds of retailers, including all the big names: Argos, Amazon, Currys, Ebay, Halfords, John Lewis, Next, Toys R Us, Tesco and Vodaphone, to name a few. Every time one of our registered givers shops on-line via thegivingmachine.co.uk's website, the retailer pays a commission, most of which is passed on to CHSG. To become a registered giver is easy - just sign up at thegivingmachine.co.uk and nominate Chichester High School for Girls as your beneficiary (see below). Then the next time you want to shop on-line, be it for books, music, furniture, clothes, kitchen appliances or whatever, go to thegivingmachine.co.uk and check if the retailer you want to use is listed; if it is, click on their logo to go directly to the retailer's site.

If you're too busy to help at or attend PTA events, this is an easy way to make a contribution *at no cost to yourself*. So far 30 givers have raised over £117 for the school - please help us to double the number of givers and the total raised by the end of this year.

The Boden logo is written in a black, cursive script.

The Scholastic Book Clubs logo features the word 'SCHOLASTIC' in small red letters above 'BOOK CLUBS' in large, bold, red letters, all on a yellow background.

The look logo consists of a stylized pink smiley face with the word 'look' written in a lowercase, pink, sans-serif font below it.

The Thompson & Morgan logo features a red and white crest above the company name 'Thompson & Morgan' in a serif font, with the tagline 'Experts in the garden since 1855' below it.

The flowersdirect logo has the word 'flowersdirect' in a lowercase, purple, sans-serif font, with a small green flower icon to the right.

The H. Samuel logo features the name 'H. SAMUEL' in large, white, serif letters above 'THE JEWELLER' in smaller, white, serif letters, all on a black background.

The Thorntons logo features the name 'Thorntons' in a large, elegant, cursive script, with the tagline 'the Art of the Chocolatier' in a smaller, lowercase, sans-serif font below it.

The STORM logo features the word 'STORM' in large, bold, black, sans-serif letters above the word 'LONDON' in smaller, bold, black, sans-serif letters.

How to register on thegivingmachine.co.uk

Go to the home page, then follow these simple steps:

1. Click on the 'Join' tab and select 'Giver'.
2. Click 'Find beneficiaries'.
3. Select 'Search by name'. Type in 'Chichester' and click red search button.
4. You will see a list of Chichester schools. Click the 'Choose' button beside CHSG.
5. Either click Save, or if you want to add another beneficiary click 'Find more' and repeat steps 3 to 5. (If you choose more than one beneficiary, you will be asked to put a % by each of them before you go on to the next step.)
6. Enter your details (first name, e-mail, password, postcode). Click Save.
7. Tick the option that describes how you heard about thegivingmachine.
8. Tick 'Terms and Conditions' box.

You are now registered!

Getting involved

Every parent or carer of a girl at the school is automatically a member of CHSG Parent Teacher Association. What does this mean? Well, we hope it means you'll give the PTA your active support so that we can continue to provide students with additional opportunities and facilities.

Being an active member of the PTA doesn't just mean attending meetings and selling cups of tea at parents' evenings - there are lots of other ways in which you can help the PTA, including some that require minimal effort!

Below is a list of ten ways to get involved.

Which do you already do? Which might you take up during the coming year?

- Shop via *thegivingmachine.co.uk*** when you make on-line purchases from any of hundreds of participating companies. See page 2 for how this works.
- Join the Pledge 10 Club** and for an annual outlay of £10 you could win £25 in the monthly draws (see page 7 for more details).
- Donate second hand uniform** to be sold at school events - just hand it in at Pupil Reception (see page 6).
- Donate a raffle prize.** Bottles of wine and chocolates are always popular; maybe you're able to offer a voucher for a service or experience (see page 6).
- Come to meetings** - there are two a term - and help plan our programme of events and shape the future of the PTA.
- E-mail your ideas, suggestions and comments** to us at the address below.
- Offer a skill or facility** that could help the PTA in its work: PR, design or social media skills (to help promote special events) for example, or reprographic/printing facilities.
- Help at an event** e.g. by selling raffle tickets, refreshments or used uniform. If you're not already on our Helpers List, please send contact details to the address below. Don't worry, it doesn't commit you to anything, it just means we'll contact you when help is needed - just giving an hour or two once or twice a year helps to spread the load!
- Join a working group.** These are set up as needed, to focus on key events and particular issues. The group decides how it wants to operate (for example, when and where to meet) and reports progress back to the main committee via a short report circulated with the committee meeting agenda. For example, there is currently a working group organising the Meet the Author event to be held in October.
- _____ Well, I couldn't think of a tenth way to get involved, can you? Suggestions in an e-mail to the address below!

To contact the PTA please send an e-mail to pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk.

The PTA year ...



September
Year 7 Parents' Social
• information
• refreshments
• raffle



October
Gardeners' Questions & Answers with Garden Market
• £745 raised
• audience and panellists ask "When's the next one?"





December
Christmas Fayre cancelled
due to snow!



January
Chi High Has Talent
• over 70 girls auditioned
• 24 acts performed in final to
sell-out audience
• £350 raised



March
Travelling Trends Fashion Show
• Fun evening enjoyed by over 100 ladies
• £928 raised

Can you offer a raffle prize?

The prize picked first in the raffle at the Fashion Show was *Afternoon Tea For Two at Field & Fork at Pallant House Gallery*, kindly donated by CHSG parents Janet and Sam Mahoney.

Are you, your business or the company you work for, able to donate a raffle prize? Raffles raise a lot of money and, especially at special events like the Christmas Fayre, we like to offer attractive and exciting prizes. Whether they are objects - bottles of wine, toiletries, chocolates or biscuits (well within best before date) etc - or 'experiences' such as a dining voucher, hair cut, or boat trip around the harbour, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the PTA at pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk or leave the prize in Main Reception clearly labelled 'PTA Raffle'.



Need a spare jumper, or a longer skirt?

Does your daughter keep growing out of her uniform, or wearing it out, or losing bits of P.E. kit? Replacing uniform can be costly, but help is at hand in the form of the PTA's second-hand uniform service.

Good quality items of used uniform can be purchased via Pupil Reception and at parent consultation evenings at very reasonable prices (see below). To help us to continue this service, please pass on any items of uniform your daughter no longer needs - she can hand them in at Pupil Reception; all proceeds go to PTA funds.



Blazers	£5.00
Jumpers	£2.00
Shirts	£1.00
Polo Shirts	£3.50
Skirts	£2.00
Trousers	£2.00
Science Overalls	£2.00
P.E. Shorts / Skirts	£1.00
P.E. Polo Shirts / Knickers	£1.00



Pupil Reception is open from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

PTA lottery still going strong

A great way to raise funds for the PTA whilst at the same time giving yourself an opportunity to win a money prize is to join the PTA's lottery, known as the Pledge 10 Club.



Every academic year nine lucky members scoop £25 in the monthly draws from October to June*, and one *very* lucky member wins £75 in July†. Membership of the Pledge 10 Club costs only £10 per year. To join just complete a membership form available from school or download it from the PTA link on the school's website (go to Parents → PTA → Pledge 10 Club Membership Form) and return the form with payment in an envelope marked 'PTA Pledge 10' c/o Finance Office, CHSG, Kingsham Rd, Chichester PO19 8EB.

Don't miss out - join the Pledge 10 Club *now* to make sure you're in with a chance from the start!

* subject to a minimum of 23 members

† subject to a minimum of 30 members

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the till. Earlier in the evening the raffle, which included some very desirable prizes, had attracted a lot of interest. We raised a total of £928, including a hefty £120 commission on sales from Traveling Trends.



Our thanks go to D W Plastics Ltd and The Sign Shop for funding our promotional banner, and to the following businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes: Field & Fork at Pallant House Gallery, Serendipity Massage & Beauty Therapy, Premier D M, The Crab & Lobster, Sparkalicious, Vie At Home, Debbie Kaye Hand-Made Beaded Jewellery, Pam's Alterations.

Calling all book lovers and budding authors...



Here's your chance to meet three local authors and quiz them about their books and writing experiences.

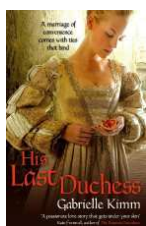
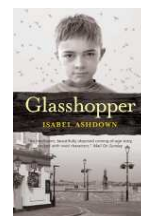
Meet the Author Evening

Friday 14th October

6.00 – 8.00 pm

Come and join us for an exciting evening with local authors Isabel Ashdown, Gabrielle Kimm and Jane Rusbridge, who all have links to Chichester High School for Girls. The evening will begin with an informal drink and time to meet the authors, followed by a talk and reading from each author. The audience will then be able to ask questions, buy the novels at a discounted rate and get their books signed.

Isabel Ashdown has written a haunting novel, *Glasshopper* set 1980's Portsmouth about 13 year old Jake whose family is falling apart. His father has left home and his mother's behaviour is becoming chaotic through alcoholism.



Gabrielle Kimm's historical tale *His Last Duchess* was inspired by a Browning poem and tells of the disastrous marriage between Alfonso d'Este, fifth duke of Ferrara, and Lucrezia de' Medici'.

Jane Rusbridge's novel *The Devil's Music* is set in 1958 and is a moving story about family secrets and betrayal.



Why not buy a copy of their books for a great holiday read? This promises to be an interesting evening if you enjoy reading or are considering writing your own novel.

Tickets are only £5.00, and this includes a glass of wine.

Tickets will be available from Chichester High School for Girls Main Reception and Chichester Public Library before the end of the summer term.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 th July	PTA Committee Meeting 7.30 pm (School Library)
Wednesday 21 st September	Year 7 Parents' Social Evening 6.30 pm (School Library)
Tuesday 27 th September	PTA Committee Meeting 7.30 pm (School Library)
Friday 14 th October	Meet the Author Evening 6.00-8.00 pm (School Library)
Tuesday 8 th November	PTA AGM & Committee Meeting 7.00 pm (School Library)