

# PTA News

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**Chichester  
High School  
For Girls**



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Together we achieve

## What a lot of Talent!

*Chi High Has Talent* was the name of the show, and this event held one freezing Friday in January certainly lived up to its name.

The atmosphere in the Centenary Theatre was electric as girls from Year 7 right through to Year 11 competed in the final of this popular competition. They had clearly put much time and effort into planning and rehearsing their performances, and the audience showed its appreciation. There were 24 acts in all, including singers (solos, duets and groups, accompanied and unaccompanied), a comedienne, and some colourful displays of gym & dance.

With such an impressive range of talent on display, picking a winner was always going to be hard. Returning for the second year, the panel of judges again comprised actress Caroline Harker; parent governor and former casting director and actors' agent, Penny Coppin; and Chi

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**Fancy a Fun Girls' Night Out?**

**Come to our Fashion Show on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March!**

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## Former Pupil Wins!



Former CHSG pupil Mrs J Lisle has won the latest Pledge 10 draw. Mrs Lisle, who has two granddaughters currently at the school, was delighted with her £25 prize. "I think Pledge 10 is a really good way to support my old school", she added.

The December draw was won by Anamika Chakraborty, and the winners of January's draw were Richard and Rachel Moore.

If you, too, would like a chance to win, 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 to PTA c/o Finance Office, CHSG, Kingsham Rd, Chichester PO19 8EB. Membership of the Pledge 10 Club costs only £10 per year and gives you a chance to win £25 in our monthly prize draw from October to June, with a £75 bonus draw held in July. As we are now half way through the Pledge 10 year, you may prefer your membership to start at the beginning of the autumn term – but don't delay: submit your form *now* so that your membership is up and running for the first draw of the new academic year.

## Talent show *continued from page 1*

High's very own Tim Willway. They had a tough decision to make, and while they spent a long time deliberating the audience was entertained by Chichester's only sax quartet, *The Opposite Sax*, and talented singer Emma Mulkern, who raised a few chuckles with her humorous songs.

Eventually the judges reappeared and the winners were announced. In first place was singer Jess Williams with her rendition of *Guns and Horses*. Singing duo Bethany Punnett and Lizzie Finch came second, and third place was given to Ellie Rusbridge and Jade Marsden for their gym and dance routine.

Not only did this event give every girl in the school an opportunity to audition for the contest and, if successful, perform in the final, it also raised around £350 for PTA funds.



## £85 raised from on-line shopping

Members of our school community have so far raised £85.69, at no cost to themselves, by doing their on-line shopping via [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk).



We now have 28 registered givers — parents, members of staff, friends and relatives — who have signed up at [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk) and nominated Chichester High School for Girls as their beneficiary. Whenever they shop on-line at any of the 300+ retailers\* that can be accessed via [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk)'s website, the retailer pays a commission, most of which is passed on to CHSG. So whether you're buying books from Amazon, music downloads from iTunes, furniture from John Lewis, or kitchen appliances from Sainsburys, please help raise funds for our school by shopping on-line via [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk).

Registering and using [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk) site is straight forward (see below) but if you need help contact Sarah via [pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk) and she will talk you through the process.

*\* Retailers you can access via [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk) include all the big names such as Argos, Amazon, Currys, Ebay, Halfords, John Lewis, Next, Toys R Us, Tesco, Vodaphone, plus many others.*

### How to register on [thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://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](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk).
8. Tick 'Terms and Conditions' box.

**You are now registered!**

## Thanks!

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who support PTA activities and events, including Reprographics (printing tickets and publicity material), Reception & Main Office (selling tickets and enabling us to communicate with parents via the web site and email), and the Premises team (providing help with venues and equipment).

## Ladies - A chance to revamp your wardrobe

The PTA are offering you an evening of Fashion and Fun at our **Travelling Trends Fashion Show** to be held in the Sports Hall on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30 pm.



Travelling Trends is a well-established company that puts on fashion shows for schools and charities. They buy up surplus stock from quality High Street chains which the audience can see, try on and buy at greatly reduced prices (30% – 90% off). The clothes are all seasonal ladies' fashions, in sizes 8 to 20 (with some in size 6). In addition to the clothes, which start from £5.00, there will be a few complementary stalls selling jewellery and cosmetics, refreshments and a raffle.



Tickets for this event can be bought from Main Reception at **only £4.00** each (tickets on the door will be £6.00).



We've spoken to several people who have been to one of these shows before and their comments include: "it's great fun" and "I got some fantastic bargains." **So why don't you get together with some of your friends and enjoy an entertaining girls' night out while helping to raise much needed funds.**

## What, no coffee?



If you attended the Year 8 Parent Consultation evening in February you may have noticed the absence of any coffee ... or tea, or juice, or snacks, or second hand uniform. This was due to a lack of volunteers to serve refreshments and sell uniform. As is often the case when it comes to volunteering, it's usually the same few people who turn out to help at most events – and when for various reasons they are unable to help, nothing happens. If enough parents offered to help, each of us would only need to help once a year and then maybe not even for the whole evening. So please, if you may occasionally be able to help out for an hour or two, add your name to the Helpers List by e-mailing your contact details to [pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@chichestergirls.w-sussex.sch.uk).

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee Forum 10.00 am – 12.00 pm (Admin. Gallery)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Trends Fashion Show 6.30 pm (Sports Hall)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Committee Meeting 7.30 pm (School Library)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Committee Meeting 7.30 pm (School Library)