



## **Ealing Fields PTSA**

Dear Students, Parents, Carers & Staff

Welcome back to a new academic year at Ealing Fields High School.

We would like to offer an especially warm welcome to those new families joining us in Year 7 and we look forward to meeting you as the term progresses. For those of you new to the school, our Parent, Teacher & Student Association (PTSA) is here to help our students, parents, carers & staff engage with the social networking elements of school life, bring together all stakeholders through events, fundraising and support projects.

These are challenging times for everyone connected with the school and many of our usual PTSA activities are currently on hold, but we would like to let you know we are still here and are working hard to continue to support the school.

### Events

Usually we would publish a calendar of events at the start of the new school year, however, under the current circumstances due to Covid-19 and the subsequent rules and regulations we are unable to do so at this point.

We are working closely with the school leadership team and will review what is possible with regards to safe socially distanced events for both students and their families on a regular basis over the coming weeks.

We would normally kick off the new school year with our 'Back to School BBQ' which is a fantastic way for students and their families to re-connect after the summer break, as well as a great opportunity for families new to the school to meet each other. Given we also have the move to the new school site to celebrate, this year's event would have been extra special, but sadly we are unable to proceed as planned with the event at this time. However, we do hope to put on a replacement 'Welcome Event' later in the term, circumstances allowing. Watch this space!

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Again, another of our projects has been delayed due to the events of last term. We had hoped to launch the Second Hand Uniform Shop at the annual Ealing Fields Festival in July, but unfortunately that event did not take place due to the school closure last term. This means that we do not have any stock with which to launch the project in time for the start of this term, which would obviously been the most useful time for parents & carers. However, the shop will launch in the next few weeks and will serve as a way to help re-circulate second hand uniform on a donation and credit basis, to help provide parents and carers with low cost uniform where possible.

Further details on this project will follow shortly, but in the mean time one of our PTSA volunteers has created a WhatsApp group to help match up unwanted uniform items with those that need it. If you would like to join this group please email [PTSA@EalingFields.co.uk](mailto:PTSA@EalingFields.co.uk) with your name, mobile phone number, and details of any uniform you wish to donate or are looking to obtain.

### Funding School Projects

Despite our fundraising efforts being hampered by numerous event cancellations due to the Covid-19 situation, we are still very proud to announce that we have been able to issue the school with a grant to pay for the new sound system in the school's auditorium. The PTSA committee had a tour of the new school site last month and were treated to a demonstration of the new audio system. All we can say is that the students will be very impressed!

In addition to this we have also continued our programme of individual school department funding requests so that we can help supply additional equipment and educational programs in a variety of different subject areas. More information on our funding plans for 2021 will follow once our events program is up and running again.

### Join the Team

If you would like more information on how you can get involved with the PTSA and join the various Year group teams, which are a great way of being 'in the know' and also of being part of a growth support group of parents and carers, then please email us at [PTSA@EalingFields.co.uk](mailto:PTSA@EalingFields.co.uk)

We are specifically looking for some new Year 7 parents to help set up the support network for that year group, which with the current social distancing measures in place, will be more important than ever to help new families to connect with each other. We look forward to hearing from you!

We will be in touch again in the near future with a further update on how PTSA activities are likely to progress for the remainder of the term.

Kind regards

David Simpson  
PTSA Chair

On behalf of the Ealing Fields Parent, Teacher & Student Association