

12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



*WELCOME YEAR 7S! *Y8 DISCO *PTA CONTACTS & GROUPS *CALL FOR NEW PTA CHAIR / CO-CHAIR *CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE * MONEY MATTERS *UNIFORM SHOP & FUNDRAISING SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to a brand new school year, we hope you all had a restful and fun summer (and aren't too shocked by the rather sudden arrival of autumn!).

An especially warm welcome goes out to the new year 7 and year 12 students and parents, and any other new starters in the school community.

With newcomers in mind, this edition of the PTA newsletter contains reminders of the variety of events and tasks the PTA undertakes, how to get in touch and keep up to speed on what's happening, dates for your diary and easy peasy ways to fundraise for the school.

PTA CONTACTS & GROUPS

There's a few different ways to keep up to date with PTA happenings and to get in touch (besides this fetching newsletter). Wherever you prefer to spend your time on social media - you can find us there! Newcomer or seasoned parent, do sign up to the below to stay in the loop (and be the first to snatch tickets for coveted events!).

The PTA WhatsApp group is the simplest way to cut out all other communication noise and receive just details for upcoming events and calls to action and helpers. Join the group <u>right here</u>, with just one easy click.

If Facebook is your favoured hang out, we update the <u>WOK PTA page</u> regularly. Take a second to click that like button now.

Good old email is still a good call, too.

wok-chair@outlook.com

wok-treasurer@outlook.com

wok-uniforms@outlook.com (more on the fab uniform shop later!)

You'll also find these email addresses at the bottom of each weekly newsletter.

YEAR 7 CLASS REPS

We're on the lookout for reps for each new year 7 form. Put memories of very involved class rep positions at primary school behind you - this is purely to pass messages smoothly from the PTA to each form, if and when needed. That's all, promise! If you think you have a tiny bit of capacity for this, please contact 'wok-chair@outlook.com. We'd love to get reps set up this week so no form misses out on anything.

CONTACT DETAILS

PTA MEETING AND AGM

The next PTA meeting, which is also an AGM, is taking place on **Tuesday 17th September at 19:15 on the Tonbridge campus.** It would be fantastic to see lots of you there (you even get to park on school grounds!).

At the AGM, the current PTA chair Suse, and co-chair Nina, will officially be stepping down from their posts. The search is still on for their replacements. Look out for more communication from the school with regards to this but please contact wok-chair@outlook.com if you're interested / intrigued in taking on this very rewarding and fun opportunity.

YEAR 8 DISCOS

Dear Year 8 school community,

Tickets to our school discos are open now and are selling well. Don't miss out and book your ticket via www.pta-events.co.uk/wok

Tonbridge Year 8 Disco on Friday, 27 Sept 2024 from 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the main hall at school - booking deadline is 22 Sept 2024

Sevenoaks Year 8 Disco on Friday, 4th Oct 2024 from 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the main hall at school - booking deadline is 29 Sept 2024

In order to host the events, we need a large number of Year 8 parents to volunteer to help please. We generally do not place Year 8 parents on duty in the disco hall (so as to avoid embarrassing their children!) but there are plenty of other jobs to be done. Please volunteer on the PTA website as you checkout.

Many thanks, WOK-PTA & the Year 8 Disco Team



YEAR 10 COLOUR RUN CANCELLATION

Unfortunately our second attempt to host a colour run and festival for year 10 students this Friday didn't attract enough interest and tickets sales to make it a viable event to run. A huge thank you to those of you who purchased tickets and were keen to take part. We're very sad this this event can't go ahead and are working our way through refunding any purchased tickets. Thank you for your patience with this.

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WOK-CHAIR@OUTLOOK.COM * WOK-EVENTS@OUTLOOK.COM * WOK-UNIFORMS@OUTLOOK.COMFACEBOOK WOK-PTA * INSTAGRAM WOK PTA



CHRISTMAS PLANS ARE AFOOT!

Following the brilliant success of the 2023 Christmas fair, we already have a number of external stalls booked for this year's festive event, due to take place on the 1st December. If you know of anyone interested in a stall (including current students), please email wok-christmas@outlook.com to avoid missing out.

If you'd like to be part of the team who make the Christmas magic happen at WOK, you can join the Christmas Fair WhatsApp group. The more helping hands, the better!

For some in person planning, why not join the Christmas committee meeting on 1st October from 8pm at the Vauxhall Inn in Tonbridge, to start feeling festive (we might as well get right into winter, if this weather is anything to go by....).



MONEY MATTERS

Each week we share details of where your kind donations and fundraising efforts are used to enhance the school community for our children.

Last year the PTA started funding additional **sports coaching at both campuses**. It's been decided that this will be carried on, with lunch time dance and hockey at Sevenoaks and netball in Tonbridge.

Timings of the sessions will be announced with the club lists in due course.

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FUNDRAISING

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

WOK is incredibly lucky to have a thriving second-hand uniform shop, which means you can get your hands on good quality uniform items at brilliant prices, whilst at the same time supporting the PTA.

The uniform shop is run, stocked and organized by an amazingly dedicated volunteer and opens every **Tuesday between 12:30 and 13:30 on the Tonbridge Campus.**

Online orders can be placed via the <u>PTA Events Page</u> or email wok-uniforms@outlook.com

Any donations can be dropped off at reception on either campus.







A few more simple fundraising reminders below. It takes a minute to sign up for both of the below and you might be quids in by Saturday evening!

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Have you played the school lottery yet? If not, why not??

It couldn't be easier —choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the **£25k jackpot!** Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to WOK. Draws take place each Saturday at 8pm with the winning numbers posted straight online and winners notified by email.

40p out of every £1 ticket goes straight to the school, so this really is a brilliant way to show your support.



EASY FUNDRAISING

Speaking of your contributions - we thought it was worth reminding you of **the easiest** way to support the school, requiring NO extra money spent on your part!

All you need to do is <u>set up an account with Easy Fundraising</u> and a portion of future spending across various shopping platforms will automatically go to the WOK PTA.

Effortless fundraising - just the way we like it! Summer holiday bookings anyone?



Second-Hand Uniform Shop

Opening Dates Term 1

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 1st October

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 15th October

Tuesday 22nd October

(12.30-1.30)

Please contact Reception outside of these hours or email: wok-uniforms@outlook.com

