

# Friends of Sir Tom Finney Community High School

## AGM 2017 Chairs Report

Welcome all and thanks for taking the time to attend this evening's social event. It is an opportunity to meet other pupils, parents, carers and staff as well as to also find out a little bit more about the fundraising aspect of our school. We hope not to take up too much time with official business that we have to do each year as part of an AGM. Then we can quickly move onto the Dragon Drive.

The Friends association hold a series of events both as social events and fund raisers across the year. These funds are then held in the 'Friends' account to support the students in school, for the additional extras and fun things that school budgets wouldn't normally cover. We also support the running of the minibuses to ensure that school can continue with 4 vehicles.

The past year has once more seen a combination of fund raising and social events.

### Fund Raising

- Summer Fair (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016)
- Christmas Bingo (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016)
- 50/50 Club (ongoing with monthly cash prize draws)
- Bids from external sources of funding
- Financial donations
- Raffles with many donated prizes

### Social Events \*

- Bollywood Brasserie Curry Night (Thursday 26th May 2016)
- Leavers Prom (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016)
- Sir Tom Finney's Got Talent Show (Thursday 23rd March 2017)
- Dragon Drive (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

\*raffles/stalls/donations for food also raise small amounts

An elected committee plan for these over the year and we rely very heavily on staff and parents/carers to be part of this committee and to support the actual events and activities. I would at this point like to thank all those who have been involved.

## Friends funding supported

- Students meals/transport at after school performance events or evening events out of school
- Staff requests for a variety of student centred activities/resources
- Supplement costs of end of term visits out
- Supplement costs of running 4 minibuses
- Supplement costs of after - school trips

At year end (31<sup>st</sup> August 2016) funding stood at £4069.44, but through support for the above now stands at £1589.98 (3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017).

### **However I would like to propose a significant change to our fundraising operations.**

The Friends of Sir Tom Finney Community High School Association has always consisted of a small group of dedicated individuals whose inspiration and hard work have created successful events which have then helped fund school wide projects that in turn have had a positive impact on ALL of our students over time.

As such the Friends Association feel that moving to a whole school fundraising approach will be more beneficial moving forward as it will facilitate –

- i. whole school community involvement (under the direction of the Headteacher)
- ii. the whole school community being given the responsibility for and hence 'ownership' of fundraising activities and events
- iii. increased participation in such activities and events and hence;
- iv. greater income meaning more financial support to enhance our students' extra-curricular experiences.

This would be achieved by subsuming the Friends account into the school fund, and by creating a 'ring fenced' cost centre this will allow it to retain its charitable status. Hence I seek your support for such a move.

Doing so from this moment on will help significantly with both the planning and execution of two large events taking place next month - a sponsored walk on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June followed by the Leavers Prom on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, our 50/50 club is a simple way of bolstering funds with an opportunity each month to win a cash prize, so if you wish to 'take your chances' and join the 50/50 club then let a member of staff know and we can send out details.

Enjoy the rest of your evening!

