

	PTFA Meeting			
	MINUTES			
	29/03/2022, 6:00pm - 7:00pm			
Chair:	Ms. Grover			
Attendees:	See separate tab			
Agenda Item	Action Points	Who	Deadline	Completion
1. Welcome	Ms. Grover welcomed all attendees to the fourth PTFA meeting of the school year.			
2. HT's updates : Mrs. Manderson Diversity	Quiz Night. A very positive event & very much enjoyed by all who attended. Let's aim to get more parents to attend next time.			
Year 10 Striving for Excellence Evening	Well attended, but could have been better. It was decided to hold this earlier, this time. We also need older students to advise the younger ones, as to how to approach their studies.			
Year 7 Consultation Evening	This also took place last week. We are aware of the pros and cons of having such online meetings.			
School Production - Matilda	This took place just before the February half-term holiday. An excellent production!			
University applications	75 out of 83 Year 13 students have applied to university, including one to Oxford. Some have unconditional offers.			
Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge	This involves Year 10s, and this year we will be hosting the regional finals.			
Academic Support Plans	Meetings are taking place with exam students, as we try to support and engage more with them. There are some behaviour issues too, which are being addressed.			
Year 8 options	These have been chosen, and involved teacher-student-parent interviews this time. Options will be refined in Year 9, for their Year 10 courses.			
Netball	Year 8 and Year 9 teams have had huge success this term			
Basketball	Year 11 boys were crowned Borough Champions! They were also invited to play a friendly at Harrow School.			
Healthy Schools Award	We have now registered for this.			
UK Maths Challenge	Students have recently taken part.			

Ukraine Conflict	We are raising money for the DEC, which helps communities across the world, who are suffering as a result of disasters or conflict. Mrs Visram can, via her employer Barclays, get the money matched.			
Staff Absence	There have been many cover lessons, due to unavoidable staff absence. However, there are now fewer Covid related absences.			
Student Numbers	We are expecting 215 students to join us in Year 7, in September.			
Up-coming public exams	We are implementing various measures to encourage performance, as well as 'back to basics' behaviour.			
Litter Picking	Following an Instagram post from a local litter-picking resident, we followed up and cleared up the rubbish which had blown through our fencing, from the street. Mrs Visram is also involved in a local litter picking community group.			
3. Mrs Hyde	BTEC Media Studies students will need to film people volunteering. Can she contact Mrs Visram?			
	Easy4U laptop scheme has now been launched. Cost is £12-£22 per month, depending on length of term. There has already been some interest and some orders have been placed.			
	We will be trialling software systems, to potentially replace the SIMS Parent App. We also want to trial the SIMS Student App with some students. Can we ask PTFA parents and children to help with these trials?			
	<i>Ms Grover: All attendees said that they would be happy to help</i>			
4. Mrs. Visram	Cultural Capital, e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, trips. Are there plans for these to take place?			
	<i>Mrs. Manderson: We have had many trips, and they only came to a halt because of Covid. Staff do want to run trips. They will happen! Some have already taken place, in recent months. We want to give all students, especially those who are disadvantaged, such opportunities. We will re-advertise the DoE leader's position in the Summer Term.</i>			
	<i>Mr. Alavi: Some Harrow College Sixth Formers run DoE schemes. Will find out if anyone there can help us.</i>			
Mrs Tucker-Douglas	Sent apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. Via email, she queried the Rookery prices, and gave examples of the Radnor drinks bottles and the small packets of biscuits. Also queried the meal deals, and the drinks which can be included in the meal deals			
Mrs. Brown	Concerns about the variety of food in the Rookery, as well as younger students getting pushed out of the way, when queuing.			

