

Coombe Girls' School Parents' and Friends' Association

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'Your Daughters. Our School. Their Futures.'

The PFA's primary aim is to raise funds used for sports equipment, musical instruments, computers, software, plants, services, etc. not covered by the education budget and always with the aim of contributing to the learning experience and supporting the work of our teachers. Year to Date funding requests received from teachers and approved by the PFA across school departments equates to **circa £8,350** as follows:

- Design Technology £3,870 [Circular saw and laser cutter]
- Music Department £2,081 [Jazz stands, choral folder, Apple Logic Pro software]
- Curriculum Support £750 [Laptop]
- Media £644 [Cameras and microphone kit]
- Art £498 [Rotatrim and papercutter]
- PE £342 [Outdoor lockable display case]
- Economics £173 [FT.com subscription]

Upcoming Events

8th July - Please come and visit the Coombe Girls Tombola stall on Saturday on New Malden High Street under patronage of New Malden fortnight. Support the school, meet members of the PFA and maybe win a prize.

Recent Highlights

- The PFA summer raffle prize draw took place on 22nd May raising **over £1,000**.
- 16th June was designated Mufti Day (non-uniform apparel can be worn) where pupils contribute £1 or tombola gifts. The day resulted in **over £500** and 20 gifts being brought in.
- 23rd June – PFA summer quiz raised **£450**.
- 29th June – school music department summer concert, the PFA raised **£ 250** from refreshments and collected **£ 240** of donations towards Phase 2 of the Green Building replacement project.

PFA Supported Events & Activities

Summer Concert:

Coombe Girls' School Music Department hosted their summer concert to a packed hall full of parents, friends and members of staff on Thursday 29th June. It was a fantastic evening which showcased a whole array of performances from smaller ensembles such as the Ukulele Ensemble and Year 7 Band, as well as the large ensembles which included the federated orchestra and choir.

The PFA have supported the Music Department a great deal over the academic year which is greatly appreciated as mentioned at the top of this newsletter. With the PFA's support for purchasing equipment including choir folders and music stands, our music department's professional performance is significantly strengthened and enhanced. With the upcoming Lake Garda music tour these purchases have been extremely timely allowing us to look the very best in our performances.

Thank you once again to the PFA for their continued supported to musical events at Coombe.

Regards, Edmund Houlston, Head of Music



New Choir stand and folder shown off with Mr Houlston and Miss De Villiers

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PFA Quiz Night:

£450 was raised on a warm Friday evening of 23rd June when Coombe Girls School held their Summer Quiz. Competition was once again fierce but a whole heap of fun with winning team 'The Late Comers' pictured below with the Quiz Master. Additional funds were raised through the traditional Heads 'n Tails event and some cash and donated prizes were on offer in the £5 Raffle.



Winners:

'The Late Comers' pictured left with Quiz master.

The school teachers won the Best Dressed Table.

PFA wish to thank to Warren De Villiers and Dean Field for running the quiz!

Summer Raffle:

Having raised **over £1000**, the PFA are delighted with the pupil's efforts and thank them and their tutors for their contribution in supporting the school.

Year 7 student **Katerina Leupolz** from class (7SA) was **overall raffle winner** raising £60 by selling 60 tickets and was awarded a £50 Love2Shop gift voucher.

Top sellers by year and class groups were:

Year	Pupil	Class
10	Claire Dulson	10NE
	Guilia Hughes	10NE
	Arabella Roberts	10SA
9	Olivia Billingsley	9JU
8	Lucy De Villiers	8NE
	Kiera de Villiers	8ME
7	Dania Kishman	7NE

Open Invitation – Coffee Morning – 1st Saturday of each Month:

Parents coffee mornings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am - 12pm at The Willow Coffee /Tea Shop, 16 The Triangle, Kingston-upon-Thames. ALL are invited!

- Interview with Miss Sophie Jackson -

This newsletter interview is pleased to focus on one of the Assistant Heads in the CGS leadership team.

As Head of Modern Foreign Languages [MFL], Pastoral role responsibility for Year 7 & My Journey, Sophie also contributes personal time to support CGS PFA as Lead Staff representative for which the PFA are most appreciative.

Sophie as you prepare to move to a new position outside of Coombe Girls School, could you let us know how long you have spent working at CGS and where you are looking to move to? Will your responsibilities be similar in scope or will they stretch/extend in a new direction?

I have been at Coombe for 6 years: starting as Second in MFL before becoming Head of MFL. For the last 2.5 years, I have also had additional leadership responsibilities as an Assistant Head.

My new position has me relocating to South East London and whilst I am looking forward to exploring a new part of London, I am very sad to leave Coombe. I'm going back to being a Head of MFL as it is a really exciting time to be teaching languages with all the new specifications and this is where my passion really lies.

What will be your favourite memory that you will take with you having devoted so much energy and passion to CGS over the years?

My favourite memories have been all the brilliant school trips that I have been on with the students consisting of numerous residential trips to France and Spain. It is great to see the students' language learning come to life in real scenarios! Whilst there have been stressful moments – lost passports, missing luggage – the pupils really come into their own and are a credit to the school.

I have also thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with the PFA – it has been great to work with such a committed group of parents who willingly give their free time and energy to support staff and pupils.

On behalf of the PFA, thank you Sophie for your commitment, energy and passion which you contributed during your time as lead staff representative. You will definitely be missed during our future meetings.

The PFA wish you success and fulfilment as you bring your infectious personality and professional skillsets to your new school in South East London. Good Luck!

CALENDER OF PFA SUPPORTED EVENTS: 2017 – 2018

DATE	EVENT
12 th Sept 2017	AGM, followed by PFA meeting – 6:30pm Learning Resource Centre (LRC)
29 th Sept	Year 8 & 9 Parents Social Evening – The Willow Pub, New Malden
10 th Oct	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
13 th Oct	Year 7 Disco and Social Evening for Year 7 Parents (School Hall & LRC)
3 rd Nov	MUFTI day (non-uniform) fundraiser for Christmas Fair
14 th Nov	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
17 th Nov	Christmas Fair, Raffle & Second Hand Uniform Sale
18 th Dec	Carol Concert – St James's Church, New Malden
9 th Jan 2017	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
31 st Jan – 2 nd Feb	School Play – School Hall
23 rd Feb	PFA Winter Quiz
6 th Mar	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
1 st May	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
22 nd May	Summer Raffle – Prize Draw
15 th June	MUFTI day (non-uniform) - fundraiser for Malden Fortnight
19 th June	PFA Meeting - 6:30pm in the LRC
22 nd June	PFA Summer Quiz – School Hall
28 th June	Summer Concert – School Hall
6 th July	New Parents' (2017) Welcome Evening
14 th July	Malden Fortnight – New Malden High Street