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Dear Parents and Carers

The Trafalgar School Association (TSA) is the parent/teacher/friend association at The Trafalgar School and welcomes you and your family to Trafalgar. We are incredibly proud of what the staff and students have achieved in recent years and we are keen to help provide the financial support that funds so many of the extras, which enrich the experience of your child during their time here.

Our aim is to raise and spend as much money as we can to support the school and enhance the education of the students. To do this, we need your support. It would be fantastic if you could support our efforts by attending fundraising events, join us for Committee meetings, help at The Cuckoo Fair, or even to send in a donation when you are unable to come along. In addition to helping us with fundraising, your support makes us feel that it really is worth the effort we all put in.

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for charities, schools and other good causes, simply by shopping online. You do not pay anything extra. Over 2,700 retailers participate and if you make a purchase with them, via Easyfundraising, the retailer provides a donation. Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos and eBay. Please be assured this is a totally secure site, used by thousands for the benefit of good causes. The TSA has collected almost £900 since joining the scheme six years ago. You can find out more by visiting:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/trafalgarschoolassociation

TSA Bubbly Quiz

This is a popular event with a bar, hot supper and fun quiz. This year we had 21 teams and raised over £1400.00. As soon as the date is confirmed for next year, we will advertise it. Put the date in your diary, and come along and support this fundraising event.

Cuckoo Fair Car Parking

The Downton Cuckoo Fair unfortunately did not run this year, but we are hoping this will return in years to come. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year; last year raising over £6000.00. An incredible amount of money, but we need volunteers who are able to give an hour or two of their time, to help us steward the car parking at school. This is a fun event to help at, after helping with the parking; you can go and enjoy the Cuckoo Fair, having parked for free.

Nearly New Uniform

Available at The Welcome Fair and at all events, we ask for a donation for any uniform taken. Any uniform your child then grows out of – please donate back to us so other families can benefit.



Committee Meetings

Less exciting perhaps, but still necessary. If you are interested in getting involved look out for the meeting dates circulated via ClassCharts and Facebook. It is essential that students from Year 7 are represented. New ideas and energy are always welcome. Last year The TSA met four times in person during the school year, so the commitment is not too onerous. It is a great way to meet fellow parents/carers and join in the fun at events.

Funding

The TSA welcomes funding requests from every subject department and the school council's ideas and initiatives. We want the funds raised to be spent!

So far in this school year, we have funded:

Cameras for Art GCSE	£ 1904.00
Duke of Edinburgh Award – trackers	£ 1320.00
Subscription for online Ancestry in History	£ 70.00
Rugby equipment for PE	£ 30.00
Celebration Assemblies Grand Draw Prizes 2023-2024	£ 900.00
Year 11 Prom contribution	£ 500.00
Food & Catering equipment for new GCSE spec	£ 86.00
Aprons for Art department	£ 160.00
Headphones for Languages department	£ 150.00
Flower bulbs for gardening club	£ 120.00
Stage blocks for Drama	TBC
Total:	£5,240.00

There will be expenses coming up in future years and we will hold a certain percentage back for the bigger projects.

Please get involved with The Trafalgar School Association in any way that you can. Look out for emails advertising our meetings and events sent via ClassCharts and on the school Facebook page.

Should you have any ideas or wish to join in the fun – please email TSA@trafalgar.wilts.sch.uk or admin@trafalgar.wilts.sch.uk who will pass your email onto us.

Wishing you and your family a great summer and look forward to seeing you at events from September or at our first Committee meeting in October.

Best Wishes

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TSA Chair