

Westcliff High School for Boys Parents' Association



**Welcome New Year 7
CLASS OF 2021**

Parents' Association

Information for New Parents

A very warm welcome to all those parents and carers whose sons are joining the School in Year 7 this September. Westcliff High School for Boys Parents' Association (Registered Charity no. 1028007) are an informal and friendly group of parents who enjoy dedicating their time and talents to the School. Over the years, the Parents' Association has contributed to the School by raising many thousands of pounds through a variety of events and initiatives. Projects supported with money raised include funding towards two new minibuses, digital image transfer equipment for the Design and Technology Department, furniture for the Sixth Form Centre, new sports kit for the PE department, and sound and light equipment that is used for the multitude of events that take place in School throughout the year.

Meetings and Events

Every parent in the School automatically becomes a member of the WHSB Parents' Association and we actively encourage everyone to get involved and join in. We always welcome WHSB parents, particularly those who are new to the School, to come along to our meetings to get to know us and find out more about what we do. Meetings are typically held twice each term with an AGM in September. We do not expect a huge time commitment from people and many of our active members help out at just one or two events per year. You can find out more about the Parents' Association, our Committee Members, events and the items and projects that we have funded on the School website and in the termly issued School magazine "The Westcliff Diary" (our meeting times are listed on the back page). Our activities are also promoted on the School's Facebook and Twitter feeds. Our first event for parents and carers new to the School will be our annual "Welcome to Westcliff" evening at 6.30pm on Tuesday 21st September 2021, before the School's "Helping Parents to Help Their Sons" (Year 7 education evening). We look forward to meeting you.

Keeping in Touch and Privacy Notice

We keep in touch by email to inform parents of our activities and to ask for your help with volunteering at School events such as Open Evenings and the School's Carol Service. Please email us at pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk if you would like us to add your name and contact email address to our Parents' Association Distribution Listing. Your details may subsequently be included on a rota if you volunteer at events, in minutes if you attend a committee meeting or AGM or in e-mails to keep you updated of our activities and fundraising. WHSB Parents Association is the "controller" for the purposes of data protection law. We keep your personal data secure, and we will not share your information with anyone. You can email us at pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk to ask a question about your information or to ask us to remove, correct or stop using your information. You can also ask us to provide you with a copy of the information we hold about you.

Parents' Association "100 Club"

Monthly Prize Draw

Established in 1996, our Parents' Association 100 Club has raised thousands of pounds over the years enabling us to provide many items beneficial to the School. With the passing of each School year, the Parents' Association loses members of the 100 Club as their sons and daughters leave WHSB. Therefore, it is vital for new members to become involved. For a monthly contribution of just £5, members of the 100 Club (who must be associated with the School) are entered into a monthly draw to win a cash sum, currently in the region of £150. Lucky winners will be sent a cheque by our PA Treasurer. If you would like to join our 100 Club, a registration form and joining instructions can be downloaded from the School website <https://www.whsb.essex.sch.uk/pa>. If you have any queries or require any further details, please email us at pa@whsb.essex.sch.uk. Thank you for your support.

Shop Online and Raise Funds for the School

Amazon Smile: When you shop on Amazon Smile, money can be donated to WHSB's Parents' Association at the click of a button. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon that allows customers to enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping featured as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop through smile.amazon.co.uk, WHSB Parents' Association receives 0.5% of the net purchase price. Simply use your regular Amazon account details to log in on smile.amazon.co.uk. On your first visit to smile.amazon.co.uk, you are asked to select a charitable organisation. Choose or search for Westcliff High School for Boys Parents' Association. Once selected, shop as usual and 0.5% of your net purchase price will be donated to the Parents' Association.

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Jemima Clarke
Parents' Association Chair