

WHSB Parents' Association Annual General Meeting 2025 Chairperson's Report

As Chairperson of the WHSB Parents' Association, I should like to thank you all for joining me this evening for the Parents' Association AGM. I am pleased to announce that we have experienced another record year of donations to the School, which will significantly enhance learning across a diverse range of subjects. We have been fortunate enough to fulfil all departmental bids received due to the fundraising efforts of our growing family of parent volunteers.

Looking back at the last year we began our first Parents' Association event in September 2024, the New Year 7 Parents' Meet and Greet Evening – the first opportunity for parents and carers who are new to the School, to network and connect with fellow parents as well as us, their Parents' Association. As the autumn term ended, we supported the School at the Christmas with The Big Band concert, running a bar and holding a luxury prize raffle. Our annual Valentine's Bake Sale in February followed which helped boost our fundraising.

The Parents' Association supported the School on Sports Day by providing refreshing fruit and running a Tuck Shop which contributed significantly to our finances. Our final fundraising initiative for the last academic year was running a pop-up Pimm's and Prosecco Bar at the School's Summer Band and BBQ, another well attended event in the WHSB Calendar. This year the PA will be doing likewise, look out for more details in the termly issued School magazine, The Westcliff Diary. All regular volunteers are added to our WhatsApp group for last minute requests for help.

Twelve years ago, we introduced 'Easyfundraising' as an additional means of raising money for the School. Having now raised over £6,000 to date, Easyfundraising is one of the best ways for our School Community to support the Parents' Association. Just use the links on the Easyfundraising site whenever you shop online at many of the UK's favourite shops and online sites, and at no extra cost to you, the Parents' Association will receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make.

In addition to fundraising, our Parents' Association members have supported the School by serving teas and coffees and talking to parents at Open Evenings for Year 7 and Sixth Form admission to the School.

Finally, on behalf of the Parents' Association I would like to thank the Headmaster for his support and appreciation of the contribution that we make to the School. The Parents' Association would also like to thank Ms Fairfax, Third Deputy Head, Mrs Holley, the Headmaster's PA, Miss Lewis and the Premises Team and Jemima Clarke for her continued assistance. I would also like to thank Vidya Sanakal our Vice Chair and Claire Goodwin-Self our Secretary. Thank you everyone for your time this evening, please do feel free to ask questions.

Saima Ghauri
WHSB PA Chair, 15 September 2025