

# Friends of Montpelier High School General Meeting

15th January 2025 online



## Welcome

Friends present: Tamara McGregor, Clementina Fraser, Lorna Coots, Sarah-Jane Frenni, Kathryn Vaughan

Apologies: Corina Simion

Staff present: Mike Lewis

Newcomers - can email us at [mhs-parentsassoc@mhs.e-act.org.uk](mailto:mhs-parentsassoc@mhs.e-act.org.uk) to stay connected.

## Finances for last School Year: 1/9/2023 to 31/8/2024

### Revenues

#### Income

<u>Balloon Race</u>	£30.90
<u>EasyFundraising</u>	£60.04
<u>Fashion Show</u>	£41.10
<u>PayPal Giving</u>	£13.25
<u>School Play</u>	£243.20
<u>Summer Concert</u>	£49.50
<u>Summer Fair</u>	£1,634.78
<u>Summer Fair 2022</u>	£451.00
<u>Tuck Shop</u>	£54.70
<u>Uniform Sales</u>	£671.70
<u>Winter Concert</u>	£191.52

Support Fund Donations £141.89

**Total Revenue £3,583.58**

### Expenses

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<u>Fundraising Expenses</u>	£189.60
<u>Gifts</u>	£18.00
<u>Refreshment Stock</u>	£174.18
<u>Subscriptions</u>	£140.00
<u>SumUp Fees</u>	£35.55
<u>Teachers' Projects</u>	
<u>Bath Trip</u>	£418.00
<u>Christmas Trees</u>	£150.00
<u>Football Nets</u>	£500.00
<u>Scrapstore</u>	£180.00
<u>Year 7 Activities</u>	£300.00
<u>Yr11 Leavers</u>	£420.00

**Total Expenses £2,525.33**

Net income for Period £1,058.25

## Assets at 31/8/2024

<u>Cash</u>	£345.20
<u>PayPal</u>	£170.43
<u>Nat West Current Account</u>	£9,231.61

**Total Assets £9,747.24**

## Notes:

- Our NatWest current account balance includes £ 824.48 for the Support Fund total as of 15/01/25 is £9523.01. Other small sums in Paypal. Around £9800 in total.
- Support fund to be left open and advertised for during school trips and current money to be used when requests are made.

## Funding requests from Teachers

- Mark Wright, Head of Year 11, has requested funding for the Year 11 prom. He has requested 5x £45 (£225) to cover refugee students and 50 x £20 (£1000) to help the FSM Students. Previously we have donated £400 towards the year 11 prom. Agreed to fund the £225 for refugee children and £500 for the prom.
- Nicole Nayar, Head of Year 10, has requested funding for the Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park. She has requested 30 x £50 (£1500) for FSM to cover the total cost of their tickets or half of the tickets @£750. £500 agreed to be awarded for the trip.
- We no longer have the Merchants funding for the hardship trust. School may be able to make a bid to them for other funding in future.

## Uniform Shop

Unfortunately, the shop units are being sold and so the shop will be moving to a smaller unit under the stage. We have now got an Inventory. The shop is being refurbished. Sign to cost £45-£55 - on hold until the shop is ready. Tuesday 28th January second hand sale from 2:30-3:30pm. **Mike** to add to class charts.

## Fundraising dates for this year

- 16th January 25 - Year 11 Parents evening
- 30th January 25 - Year 9 Parents evening
- 13th February 25 - Year 8 Parents evening
- 13th March 25 - Year 10 Parents evening - Clem to sort.
- School Play - 1-3rd April 2025
- Ceilidh - 25th April 2025. £240 cost of the band members to cover. £5 per ticket, primary age children will not be charged. Access hall at 5pm to set up, start at 7pm - finish at 10:30pm. Possible raffle or pound coin sweet bowls or some fundraising in the break in the middle. Event itself from 7pm to 9:30pm. **Tamara** to produce flyer for the event and Mike to advertise in tutor power points, parent bulletin and class charts. Tickets to be added onto Parent Pay (**Mike to sort**) and tickets on the door unless sold out.
- School Fair - Saturday 21st June 2025
- Summer Concert - Thursday 26th June 2025

## Other Fundraising

Possible culture evening? Agreed to incorporate this as part of the school fair.

Idea for a school family recipe book-Ongoing. Sarah- Jane is happy to take the lead on this. She will sort out a google form to be sent out. **Sarah-Jane** to send form to Mike to share as an announcement on Class Charts, Parent Bulletin etc. To be collated at Easter.

## Easy Fundraising

**Tamara** to send advert to Mike and **Mike** to add it to Class Charts.

## TESCO tokens

Sarah-Jane looked into this. Suggested a grant writer might be a good idea as the forms are quite lengthy. **Mike** to ask Ben about this. The tokens can provide between £500 and £1500. Is a 9 to 12 month process plus time period for tokens to be collected. The School can apply, it doesn't have to be PTA. You can also be nominated by Tesco staff member.

## Year representative

Mike sent a message to all parents of the lower school. 294 out of 618 read the message which asked for parents to contact PA. Tamara has not had any replies. Most year groups are represented in the PTA. **Tamara** to check with Corina(Y9) and Marie-Eve(Y8) to see if they are on the Whatsapp group-to ask for a rep from missing years.

## AOB

Kathryn queried if anyone has asked what events would suit parents? Mike said the Iftar is really popular.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th March 2025 online