

# CASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - 21 May 2019

## Report for 2018/19

This report is for CASCA's financial year, which runs from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, and includes activities from the summer term of last school year.

### Events

After a hugely successful 60 for 60 campaign in 2017/18 it was back to normal business for our events in 2018/19.

We have run many incredibly successful events this year and have seen some minor changes to our calendar. The mainstays of the CASCA event calendar have been the SummerFest, Jumble Sale, Dramstock!, Table Top Sale, Quiz Night and Danceathon. These were all well supported by parents, staff, students and the community. Unfortunately, we did not run the Book Fair but we had a new event, the selling of Christmas Trees to raise funds.

In its first year it was a great success and we believe that we can build on this for 2019.

Our 2018-19 event leads deserving our thanks:

- Jumble Sale: Mary Kavanagh, Annette Elder, Nicki Derby and Penny Drapper
- Dramstock!: Royston Deitch
- Table Top Sale: Lucy Baron Thomson, Mary Kavanagh
- Quiz Night: Tim Vernon, Sian Gwilliam and Sally Hodginson
- SummerFest: Katrina Scior, Irene Graham
- Danceathon: Nicola Longfoot
- Christmas Trees: Sarah Kendrick
- Parents Forum: Laurel Ives
- CASCA Bars: Andy Stevens
- Event Security Lead: Steve Busfield

Thanks also to the teams of parents and carers who support the leads in delivering all these amazing events, the volunteers on each event day, the ever-helpful school staff who often go beyond the call of duty to support the CASCA team – and to all families and community members who come along and participate.

### Sponsorship

We have continued with our partnership with estate agent Martyn Gerrard who has supported the school in many ways. The company printed flyers, posters and banners for CSG events, provided volunteers, and continued its twice-yearly arrangement whereby anyone hosting a MG board promoting a CSG event earns cash for the school. They also offer a scheme where if anyone sells or rents a property through them and mentions their association with CSG they will donate 10% of the fee, around £1000 to the school. We also received a wonderful cash donation from Martyn Gerrard to help with our fundraising for the resurfacing of the netball court. Special thanks go to Alastair Strauss at Martyn Gerrard and his team and their enthusiastic support of this partnership.

## How are our funds spent?

We have looked into how we can use the valuable funds raised in the most effective way. Our main focus of current fundraising is to resurface the netball court and to add astroturf to the surrounding area. This is an area that has sadly suffered from a level of neglect, is prone to flooding and in general needs to be updated. As a result of this we will have a much more impressive and functional space on which the girls can play a variety of sports including netball, basketball, tennis and football. This new MUGA court will also allow the school to generate additional funds by renting the space out to external groups.

As you will no doubt be aware the cuts to schools funding has been ongoing now for a number of years. CASCA will also be making a donation to the school Foundation to assist them in their abilities to continue to fund works within the school.

We also allocate the funds raise from Dramstock! specifically to the music and drama departments within the school. This helps with the staging of performances such as "Cry Baby" and in supplying technical equipment for both musical and dramatic productions.

## The year ahead

Our focus for the 2019/20 year is to strengthen our fundraising in order to support the school in increasingly difficult times.

We aim to look at how we can introduce more corporate fundraising to assist in our goals. There also needs to be further recruitment of volunteers to assist us and become part of this wonderful community. We would like to support a more cohesive environment for parents and to particularly support our incoming parents in yr 7 and yr 12 to integrate them into the school community. We also see a closer relationship developing with the school to focus on effective fundraising and community events.

## Management Committee

The CASCA management committee has been working with a depleted team for this last year.

It is vitally important that we have a full and committed team in order to continue the important work of supporting the school and its community through fundraising and social events. We have had a very productive and positive year and I would very much like to thank all of those on the committee for their dedication and hard work.

- Chair: Vacant
- Vice Chair: Irene Graham
- Co-Treasurers: Maia Eugenieva/Vacant
- Secretary: Vacant
- Parent Engagement Coordinator: Anna Hamilton (this position will be vacant for the next academic year)
- Fundraising Coordinator – Richard Sanders

Thanks to you all once again for your support and let's look forward to a successful year ahead.

Irene Graham  
Vice Chair, CASCA  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2019