

# JGHS Parent Council Refreshments 23/24

## **Purpose :- for noting**

A small but dedicated team of parents turned up for 12 events throughout the academic year to provide refreshments to attendees, teachers and students and also raise some money.

## **Barriers –**

- it has remained difficult to recruit a larger team of volunteers especially from years s1 – s3 despite our best endeavours
- buying supplies and setting up is time consuming. For example at the primary 7 welcome evening I dropped off supplies at 7.30am to the school, having previously taken time off work to buy them. Kirstin was also in earlier bringing in the urns from JGPS, cups etc. All four of the volunteers were there that night between 5 pm and 7pm.
- the fact that there is no means of taking card payments at the event due to the physical structure of the school makes it difficult to run at a profit – we relied heavily on donations both from parents and vegeware.
- Asking parents to bring cash to these events does not work. For example at the same p7 welcome evening £38 of supplies was donated. We only the sum of £25.50
- The system of filling up handheld large flasks with hot water from hot water taps is beginning to lose its charm.

## **Good news –**

- ✓ The parents and carers who did volunteer were really lovely, worked hard and we had fun. I am very grateful to them. I really enjoyed meeting you all and of course JGHS staff and pupils
- ✓ The parents and carers we served seemed to appreciate our efforts.
- ✓ This academic year we have raised around £1200.
- ✓ To remove the barrier of being unable to take card payments on the night we developed a process, with the support of the Head Teacher, that the sum of £1.50 be included in the ticket price in ticketed events and the money transferred to Parent Council.



- ✓ £750 was raised in the two ticketed spring fling events. If the diversity tickets had included the £1.50 then we would have raised at least an additional £525 and well over £1700 for the school for the year.
- ✓ We have positive feedback on the all inclusive ticket trial and parents/carers were pleased that refreshments were available for all at these events.
- ✓ The JGHS Trust has agreed to fund an urn for the parent council to use going forward. Hopefully this will transform the delivery of refreshments
- ✓ Mr Porter and Mr Cotter have started to arrange Senior Pupils to help at events such as parents nights to signpost parents and carers to their destinations and also take refreshments to teachers. That has been a huge help, is greatly appreciated and has raised awareness of how lucky we are with the students that are here at JGHS. It really reinforced the wealth of talent, inclusivity, positivity and kindness which exists at JGHS.

**Future** - This year is going to be great. Julita Burgess will make a wonderful coordinator. The Christmas Show is returning, hopefully with the fun and inclusive Seasonal Markets, which raised a lot of money for the JGHS family. There is a real feeling of reinvigoration and I would ask all of you to give Julita as much support as you can.

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