

## Our Lady's PTA

*A community of parents and teachers dedicated to helping the children of Our Lady's flourish through the provision of equipment and resources designed to advance education and well-being.*



### Newsletter

September 2020

#### A WARM WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM THE PTA

**This is the first PTA newsletter since February and who could have predicted then that the following months would see us all staying home to stay safe and juggling the demands of family life and home-schooling!**

We are so happy to see everyone back in school and our focus now turns to how we can help support the provision of education and wellbeing of your children, particularly in light of the significant funding deficit the school finds itself in. The role of Our Lady's PTA has never been more important and we are determined to do all we can to help the whole school community.

#### PTA SUPPORTS SIGNIFICANT TECH UPGRADE



**During lockdown the PTA met virtually with Mrs Batson to understand the immediate and pressing needs for school resources.** Lockdown demonstrated the reliance we all have on technology and exposed a shortfall in the schools provision. We have therefore agreed to support with a significant upgrade to the school's IT equipment and software.

The PTA will be providing the school with 15 new iPads and a technical support subscription. This equipment will be used by pupils to support learning across all areas of the curriculum.

#### A MASSIVE THANK YOU FROM YEAR SIX!



**Every year PTA funds are used to buy the year 6 leavers hoodies.** Our outgoing year six had a tough end to their school lives at Our Lady's, having to forgo all of their usual treats and experiences, so as an extra surprise we also funded a memento t-shirt. The whole year six group wanted to extend a huge thank you to the PTA as these tokens really did help mark their last day of school and have been well worn during the summer holidays!



#### NEW LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

**Fostering a love of reading has always been a priority at Our Lady's School.** This year, to enhance and upgrade the provision of books available to pupils, the PTA is funding access to a library subscription service. This will provide children with a rich variety of books and digital resources on a wide range of topics to support both structured learning and free reading.

#### OUR LADY'S PTA AGM

On September 30<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our first virtual PTA meeting of the year – our AGM. Here we will elect our committee for the forthcoming academic year, review the last year and set objectives for the year ahead. Applications are open to anyone wishing to apply for position of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. An application form can be obtained by emailing [ourladysprincethorpepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ourladysprincethorpepta@yahoo.co.uk). The meeting will take place at 7.30PM via Zoom and is open to all. For meeting details, please contact us on the email above.

**Thank you for your continued support!**