



June 2022

BMS Parents' Association

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to BMS, and your upcoming life as a BMS parent or guardian. We hope your association with the School is a long and happy one, and that both you and your child enjoy being part of the vibrant and friendly BMS community. As a new parent you are automatically part of the BMS Parents' Association. Supporting the Parents' Association (PA) is rewarding and fun; it is a great way to meet other parents and staff and become involved in school life.

The aims of the Parents' Association are:

- To facilitate social interaction between parents and, where appropriate, between parents, governors and staff;
- To support and provide information to parents whilst respecting the channels of communication within the school;
- To engage in activities which support and advance the education and experiences of pupils attending the school;
- To provide funding for equipment, facilities and/or activities which might not otherwise be available.

BMSPA supports a number of school activities, projects and events and after the long and difficult period of Covid restrictions, we are delighted to be able to restart our events, starting with our Summer Ball black tie event at the Corn Exchange in June, a firm favourite on our calendar. We are also pleased to resume our Gin and Jazz event on 1st October this year, a great event for the parents of new starters to get to know each other. We organise a number of other events through the year, including the Junior School Quiz Night, this year scheduled for Saturday 26th November. You'll also find our fantastic volunteers running the bar service at theatre and music events in both the junior and senior schools.

Whilst many of our activities are about providing social events for the parent community, the money we raise from our activities funds a wide range of things that benefit the students. Over the last 12 months, the PA has provided music equipment, house flags and T-shirts, equipment for the art and DT departments and, most recently, cricket covers which are helping to keep our cricket fixtures running to schedule over the current season.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, as well as volunteers for our 'helpers' list. The more help we have, the more we can do!

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If you would be happy to be a class rep, join the committee, willing to occasionally serve refreshments at a school production, or wrap up Christmas presents for the Junior School Christmas shopping event, all whilst getting to know other parents, then please do get in touch – your support will be much appreciated. Please take advantage of our excellent and highly successful **Nearly New Uniform Shop** (see below for opening times) and you can also sign up for the **500 Club**; a quick and easy way to support the BMSPA. There are prizes each month and each term.

We are a great source of experience and information about BMS life, so please do contact us with any questions and take a look at our pages on the school website.

We regularly hold afternoon drop-in sessions, giving you a chance to enjoy some tea and cake. It's a great chance to just have a chat to us and other parents, particularly if you are new to the School, both Junior and Senior schools. Dates for these events will be publicised through the normal school notifications.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Dickman
Chair, The BMS Parents' Association
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Dates for your diary:

1st October 2022 – **GIN & JAZZ** (tickets on sale at start of term in September)

26th November 2022 – **Junior School Quiz Night**

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