# **Bedford Modern School Parents' Association**

A very warm welcome to Bedford Modern School from the Parents' Association!

We understand that there is a lot of information to take in when you first join the school, so here is a handy guide to the BMS Parents' Association and what it will mean for you in the years to come.

#### Who are we?

We are a friendly group of mums and dads representing all stages of the school, from the first years of Junior School through to the end of the Senior School. We have a PA Committee which holds termly meetings as well as a large group of volunteers who support us at events throughout the school year.

#### What do we do?

The Association has a dual purpose: firstly, to raise money for the little extras that make BMS such a great place for our children to be; and secondly, to organise fun events for parents and children alike.

We run events such as a biannual Summer Ball and other social events for parents. There is a start of term afternoon coffee and cake for new parents to the school to provide a bit of a distraction on this momentous day.

For the children there are various discos throughout the year, and a much-loved Christmas shop for the Junior school.

We also run the Nearly New Shop, the 500 club (see information on parent webpages) and you'll often see volunteers providing refreshments at school events and performances throughout the year.

### **Latest Projects**

We are delighted that in recent years, we have been able to fund the creation of a new Junior School trim trail, new cricket covers, a fantastic Grand Piano in the Junior School and one of our biggest investments yet, the kinetic tiles in the Senior School Science block. We have big ambitions and are currently raising funds to provide more great things for the school. We consider new projects on an individual basis and we are always open to new ideas!

#### How can you get involved?

We are currently looking to appoint new committee members, and you would be most welcome to attend a committee meeting to find out more.

If being on a committee isn't your thing and you just want to help out when you can, you would be most welcome to join our volunteer list. We are grateful for any support you can give. Please email us at <a href="mailto:bmspa@bedmod.co.uk">bmspa@bedmod.co.uk</a> to find out more.

## Come along and meet us!

Our AGM is on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** between 6.30pm – 7.30pm and we will be hosting informal drinks on the Refectory lawn from 7.30pm. Please either come along to the AGM or if you prefer, just for drinks - we would love to see you!

### **Dates for your diary**

Junior School Afternoon Coffee and Cake, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00 pm in Christopher Fry Hall (For parents new to the School)

Parents' Association AGM and Drinks on the Lawn – 18th September 2023 (from 6.30pm)

Autumn Parent Social Event (Details TBA) - Saturday 14th October 2023

Junior School Christmas Shop – 11th and 12th December 2023

School Ball - June/July 2024 (TBA)