

FSA Newsletter

Issue: Introduction to FSA

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Welcome to Fitzharrys School!

The *Fitzharrys School Association (FSA)* is a committee of parents, carers and staff, similar to the PTA group you may have supported at your child's primary school.

The aims of the FSA are to raise money and increase funds for the provision of new school facilities and resources, and to bring together the Fitzharrys community to have some fun.

Past fundraisers include: Giant Jumble Sales, Easter Hamper Draws, Quiz Nights, Christmas and Summer Raffles, and more!

We are supported by our exceptionally generous school community who, either by joining the committee, volunteering at events, baking cakes, or attending events with a pocketful of pennies, help the FSA reach our fundraising goals.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The best way to help is to:

- **Join the FSA Committee**
Can you spare a little time to help organise fundraising activities? Having a thriving committee enables us to plan and run events – meaning more opportunities to fundraise for new facilities and resources for students. The committee meet once a term to plan events and discuss fundraising ideas. There is an open invitation to attend these meetings which are advertised on the school website and by email – do come along and join in!



If you are unable to join the committee, you can still support the Fitzharrys School Association by...

- **Joining our Volunteers team**
Requests for helpers are sent out on an event-by-event basis, and with fundraisers held during school hours, after school, evenings and on weekends, there is something to suit everyone. You are very welcome to bring your children to help too!
- **Donating second-hand uniform**
to the Student Services office stock for second-hand sales.
- **Donating new/sealed gifts**
We would love to rehome any unwanted Christmas or birthday presents, or any suitable spare buy-one-get-one-free items that would make good hamper or raffle prizes.
- **Encouraging family and friends to support FSA events**
throughout the year, including by joining our FSA 200 Club! Find out how to apply on page 2...

FSA PROJECTS

Below are just a few of the fantastic items we have been able to fund for Fitzharrys School in recent years:

WALL ART

The FSA and Fitzharrys School worked together to fund and transform the Humanities and English departments with inspirational and informative wall art, which has had a great response from students, staff, and visitors.



PROJECTOR

The FSA funded a new projector for the Hall which greatly benefits events such as assemblies, school shows, presentations, open events and more...



PICNIC BENCHES

The FSA purchased 15 brand new picnic benches to extend the existing outdoor seating around the school site, available for all students to use.



Play for cash prizes in our 200 Club!



Fancy the chance to win a cash prize every single month?

The FSA 200 Club is our monthly school lottery draw and is a fantastic and easy way to support the FSA. The 200 Club raises money for Fitzharrys School, particularly for larger projects which will benefit the greatest number of students.

Anyone over the age of 18 can buy shares. They cost just £5.00 per month, payable by Standing Order. The size of the prize money awarded depends on the number of shares sold, but if all 200 shares are sold, there will be 3 prizes each month of £250, £100, and £50. The total prize money equates to 50% of the total monthly 200 Club income, with the other 50% going to towards the FSA's fundraising goals.

You are in with a great chance of winning; we have much better odds than the national lottery!

Please see the separate 200 Club form for full details; a hard copy is included in your transition pack.

Come to FSA Meetings

Our friendly team meets roughly once a term (or less) for a 1-hour meeting on a weekday evening.

Meeting dates are publicised on our FSA webpage.

Our next meeting is the **AGM** which will be held on Tuesday 16th September 2025, 7.30pm, at Fitzharrys School. All welcome – newcomers especially so!

Email our secretary Mrs Holt at sholt@fitzharrys.school to let us know you're attending. Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Join our Volunteers list

If you don't have time to help on the FSA committee but would be happy to occasionally pitch in as a volunteer at our events (such as helping set up the Giant Jumble Sale, manning our licensed bar at Quiz night, or selling second-hand uniform at induction events for upcoming Year 7 students and their families) we would LOVE to hear from you! Please email our secretary at sholt@fitzharrys.school so we can add you to our FSA volunteer contact list.

Thanks for your support!

And finally...

In addition to our newsletters, for the very latest FSA news, we recommend following us on Facebook: search for 'Fitzharrys School Association (FSA)'.

For more details on any aspect of the FSA, please email Mrs Holt, FSA Secretary at: sholt@fitzharrys.school.

We wish you a fantastic start at Fitzharrys, with hopes of welcoming you to one of our events or meetings soon.



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OR EMAIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DIRECT TO: sholt@fitzharrys.school

FSA COMMITTEE / VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM

NAME: _____

CONTACT TEL: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHILD/REN'S NAME AND FORM:

☐ I am interested in finding out more about joining the committee. Please email me with details.

☐ I can't join the committee but could help at an event. Please add me to the FSA Events Volunteers mailing list.