



A PARENTS' GUIDE





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Happiness is the key to progress

WHO ARE WE?

"The Friends of Holmwood House organise social activities and fundraising events for parents and children across the school."

The Friends of Holmwood House is a group of parents and staff who have come together to organise a number of enjoyable functions and events over the years so that parents can meet socially and become more involved with the school. The Summer Fête and the Fireworks Display on the school's birthday in November are events we organise annually, together with other social occasions and charity fund-raisers.

Some of these events will, in addition, raise funds for specific projects for the school which otherwise might not be possible and which will further enrich our children's education. In recent years, these include:

- · Book spinners for the Library
- Mugs for Match Teas
- Outdoor play equipment
- Purchase of Cricket sight screens
- · Chess tables in Annie's garden
- Lighting and sound equipment in the Jubilee Hall
- Refurbishment of boarding facilities in the cellars
- Creation of dedicated area for Year 8 pupils in the library
- Annual contributions to Maths, Science and Book Weeks
- French theatre performance
- · Sofa for the boarders landing
- Climbing walls x2
- Wireless microphone headsets x6 (for drama dept)
- £500 towards each Theme Week
- STEM resources
- Giant chess set near dining room
- · Contribution towards girls' boarding bathroom refurbishment
- 'Friendship' benches for Prep and Pre-Prep playgrounds
- · Sensory furniture and equipment for both Pastoral Room and Pre-Prep

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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ANNUAL EVENTS

The Friends are involved with the following events during the school year:

- The School's Birthday / Bonfire Night
- The Easter Egg Hunt
- The Summer Fête
- Pre-Prep Sports Day
- · Prep Sports Day
- · One-off social events from time to time

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

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"Our aim is to ensure that all parents and children are given as many opportunities to meet one another socially and to be involved in the school events held each year, whilst raising funds for school projects."

> We welcome you to Holmwood House and hope to see you soon at one of our events. Hattie Romer-Lee, Chairman