



Colchester High School Association

AGM REPORT

2017/18



It has been another successful year for the CHSA, with over £5,700 distributed back to the school during the 2017/18 academic year. Our two big events, the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Ball were a great success. The Christmas Present, Mother's and Father's day stalls all proved to be extremely popular once again, all raising £1,269. Here is a round up of last year's events and how the money has been spent.

Fundraising highlights

Macmillan Coffee Morning, September 2017

We kicked off the academic year with our Macmillan Coffee Morning and AGM. This event is intended to raise money for Macmillan but also to be a welcome event for new parents at the school, a chance to meet up with friends and get to know new people. A very big thank you to all the parents and staff who showed their support. The Coffee Morning raised £300 for Macmillan



Harvest Festival Lower School Disco, October 2017

A huge thank you to DJ Brian and to the CHSA Committee members who helped organize and run the event, with fun games and brilliant dance moves everyone had a great time. **We raised £300**



Fundraising highlights (continued)

Christmas Bazaar, December 2017

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is always a really fun event for staff, parents and pupils. The children's stalls were ever so popular, adding to the fun atmosphere. With fabulous Raffle prizes, Santa's Grotto and a whole host of games and activities.

A special thank you to the CHSA Committee, Parents and Grand Parents, CHS Site Team, Thomas Franks caterers, CHS and all Staff worked so hard to organise the event.

We managed to raise a magnificent £2,459.



Christmas Present, Mother's & Father's Day Stalls, December 2017, March & June 2018

Last year's Mother's & Father's Day stalls proved to be very successful, with a wider range of presents to choose from, the pupils had great fun choosing their gifts. We couldn't have done it without the amazing help and support from Vanessa McMahon and Cara Wild, who sourced and wrapped the presents.

We would also like to thank the CHSA Committee members and senior pupils who helped to write on the labels for the younger pupils in the school. We hope you all enjoyed receiving the gifts that your children chose for you. We raised an impressive combined total of £1,269.



Fundraising highlights (continued)

The New and Nearly New Uniform shop – All Year

The CHSA runs a 'New and Nearly New Uniform shop' for each phase of the school. The shop stocks brand new compulsory school items such as navy school coats, sunhats and painting aprons. We also rely on donations of good quality used uniform to supply second hand items such as jumpers, blazers, PE tracksuits, PE polo shirts, PE shorts and winter and summer dresses.

All the items for sale can be viewed via the links on the CHSA section of the website and orders made via email at CHSuniform@outlook.com. The shop is run entirely by volunteers and all proceeds go to the CHSA.

During 2017/18 we raised £877 in income (net profit)



Sports day refreshments – June 2017

This year due to changes at the Junior and Senior venue policies the CHSA could only set up and have a refreshments stall at the Prep sports day in the Summer term. Our volunteers served tea, coffee, water, squash and cake (courtesy of Thomas Franks caterers) to thirsty parents whilst they cheered on their children. Thankyou to all the parents who made a donation, we raised **£135**.



Fundraising highlights (continued)

Summer Ball, June 2017

During the Summer Term the CHSA alternate each year between a Summer Fete at the school and a Summer Ball for parents. This year the Summer Ball was held at Le Talbooth, Dedham on Friday 1st June. With an Auction, Raffle, Live Band "Faith In Physics" and DJ, everyone had a great evening dancing the night away!

A special thank you to Mr Jamieson for hosting the Auction and a big thank you to all CHSA Committee members especially Vanessa McMahon & Helen Clarke, CHS Staff and Parents who worked so hard to organize this event.

We raised £1,665.11 in profit.



Items we have funded this academic year

In total we have distributed £5,722.57 back into the school in 2017/18.

- ✓ Whole school – Materials to build Outdoor Mural reflecting the 135 Year Anniversary of Colchester High School.
- ✓ Whole School – Go Pro (PE Department)
- ✓ Senior School – Gardening Club Year 7 & 8 (Stone Moulds, Cement, Paint and Decorations, Soil and Seeds, folding Chairs and a Blackboard)
- ✓ Senior school – Year 11 Prom
- ✓ Senior school - Netball dresses (Year 7-11)
- ✓ Senior school & Lower School – 2 x Outdoor Table Tennis Tables
- ✓ Senior School & Lower School – Launchers and Rockets for Curriculum Week
- ✓ Senior School & Lower School – E Safety Training Workshops in September 2018
- ✓ Senior School & Lower School – Selection of Vex Super Robotics Kits
- ✓ Lower school – Match funding Year 5 charity events

No other requests made by Lower school and none made by Nursery Department this academic year.

Examples of how pupils are benefitting from our fundraising

Robotics Kits

The CHSA has donated over £1,500 for a selection of Vex Super Robotics Kits to benefit the whole school. At the Christmas Bazaar the Vex Robotics club showcased the new robotics kits bought by the CHSA, they proved to be hugely popular and more funding has been provided so that the club can reach out to all years within the school.



New Netball Dresses Year 7-11

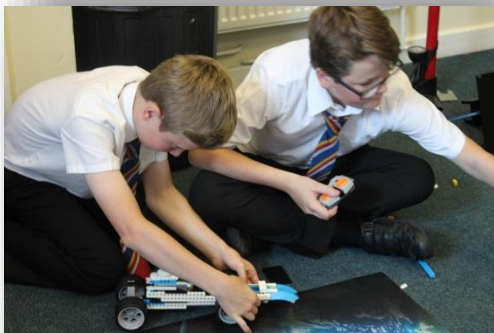


Outdoor Table Tennis Tables



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Curriculum Week 2018 – Launchers and Rockets



Mural reflecting the 135 Year Anniversary of Colchester High School.



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Gardening Club (Year 7 & Year 8), this year the CHSA has donated funds to enable the club to buy Stone Moulds, Cement, Paint and Decorations, Soil and Seeds, folding Chairs and a Blackboard.



Year 11 Prom held at Colchester Officers Club in Colchester.



How can you help?

The role of the CHSA is to organise social events for pupils, parents and staff and to raise funds to purchase those extra items for the school which may not be a direct academic necessity but improve the learning environment and enrich the education of all pupils within the school.

We believe the CHSA plays an important role in school life. However, we rely on volunteers and can only survive and prosper with the support of parents and staff. Events such as the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fete take time and effort to organise and yet it is very often the same parents who come forward to help. **All** our children benefit from the events we organise and the funds we raise, so please do volunteer to help in any way you can, however small.

Our Committee meetings are generally held once a term at the school. Meeting dates are advertised in the weekly school newsletter on FireFly, on the playground noticeboard and on the CHSA pages of the school website, CHS & CHSA facebook pages. Meetings are open to all parents and members of staff.

However, if you don't have time to attend a meeting, you can still help by coming along to our social events, donating a prize to the raffle or offering ideas via the school office, all of which are equally important.

Any support is always gratefully received!!

Thank you.

The CHSA Committee