



Harrow Way Community School PTA (HWCS PTA)

Charity number:
1202176

- What did your support in 2023/2024 mean to HWCS departments?
- What current funding requests do we have?
- How else can you support us?

How have stage blocks helped the Drama Department?

“The Drama Department's budget is around £1200 per year. When you factor in the £700 it costs to buy the rights for our school musical and the cost of printing scripts for the hundreds of students we teach every week that doesn't leave much for props, costume or scenery. For the 15 years I've been here we've had to use classroom chairs and tables to create whatever set we need in our lessons, but with the PTA's support we were able to buy a class set of rehearsal cubes (1m square wooden cubes) that students can now use to build simple sets and let their imaginations take flight. We've even used them to build the set for our recent Year 11 exam show. **We could never have afforded them without the PTA's help as they cost more than our entire annual budget”**

The Drama Department



Why is the Netball kit important to the students?



“The Harrow Way Netball teams are really grateful to the PTA for purchasing netball dresses for them to wear for their fixtures and also when on netball tour. **It makes them look more professional when playing, making it feel different and special in comparison to their lessons”**

The PE Department

The CNC Router has helped enhance the curriculum!

"You may be aware that at the end of the summer term we invested in a Microrouter with help of funding from the PTA (with much thanks). A tool specifically used for engraving sheet materials.

We bought this specifically to add capacity into our T&L of high level skills in the designing and manufacture of in house electronic circuit boards; as we cannot photoetch this is an appropriate alternative. After much tinkering, I can announce that we have developed our T&L workflow from system design to electronic circuit design through to PCB layout design. This alone will give the opportunity for students to engage in meaningful engineering at the highest level whilst being inclusive. Our Key Stage 3 PCB's will also be manufactured using this process so that students will no longer be expected to struggle with the soldering boards we are currently using.

We are offering this now out to our current year 11's to design and manufacture with independence and 10's as we move towards designing in the next week. **We are currently also developing our KS3 outcomes in this specialism.**" The DT Department

Summary: The CNC router has helped to streamline the delivery of education in DT lessons and it has even enhanced the curriculum.

What else did your support help us fund last year?



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Student Librarian team showing off some of the things we bought with a PTA donation. The chalk boards are popular! Huge thanks to the HWCS PTA! @harrowway



How do we decide what to fund?

- Each year we ask subject leaders to give us a 'wish list' of items costing £100 & £1000.
- Ad hoc requests are also made throughout the school year, from teachers, the librarian, the schools SEND department, the Finance Manager & the year 11 prom committee.
- Due to limited funds we cannot fund every request.
- The PTA choose items which we believe will have a positive impact on as many students and subject areas as possible.
- We always consider our responsibility to the school community when spending PTA funds, so some requests are instant nos!

Current funding requests:

An all weather shelter -up to £20,000:

The school's finance manager has asked the PTA to help raise funds for an outdoor shelter.

Currently the school has a large amount of outdoor space, but not enough sheltered areas.

An all -weather shelter will give students more opportunity to get away from their desks at break & lunch times. Allowing them a space to shelter from light rain or extreme sun.



Current funding requests cont...

£1000 Requests:

Maths	7 x Visualisers	
Art	Wacom Tablets & Pens	To connect to the departments computers so KS4 Art & Photography can incorporate digital art, drawing & editing into their work. This will help ensure they are not disadvantaged by a lack of technology.
PE	Equipment to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● New Age Boccia● Indoor Kurling● Paddle Ball● Goal Ball	Used to create a lunchtime club for students with additional needs. Whilst this equipment is expensive, the PE Department feel it would be invaluable for these students to feel more confident in PE & potentially impact attendance on PE days.



Current funding requests cont...

£100 Requests:

PE	Mini whiteboards & Pens For our year 9 options class
Art	2x IPEVO Visualisers
Maths	Whiteboard Pens



What do the students think of our events & use of funds?

The Disco for upcoming year 7's "...was a nice, fun, welcome to our new school. It definitely made it feel like it would be a great school"

Current Year 7 Student

"The fridge freezer for my food tech classroom, has made it a lot easier to fit all my ingredients and cooking in"

Year 9 student

"The PTA's fundraising has helped improve our school, as we now have more equipment to use in lessons and extra curricular clubs.

Our new netball bibs are great, as our old ones were falling apart"

Year 9 Student

What do our volunteers think of the PTA?

"The school PTA is now a necessary part of school funding. We often feel that charities help the minority, but in today's world here in the UK, the PTA supports our students alongside other charities that the school taps into... We want our students to be able to access everything they possibly can so that they can achieve & access further education...

A good education with the necessary up to date/working equipment & technology paves the way for our students to achieve inline with students from more affluent & privileged backgrounds"

School staff Volunteer

"I enjoy being part of the PTA's team.

We ultimately all have one shared goal -to work together to raise as much money as we can! This allows us to provide extra experiences & equipment, to benefit not only current students, but also future ones too.

Volunteering improves my own sense of purpose."

Parent Volunteer

Our fundraising year:

Autumn Term (Sept - Dec)

- Upcoming Year 7 Disco (Entrance price & refreshment stall)
- Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco (Refreshment stall)
- Christmas Fair (Raffle, refreshments, Bric a Brac & Toiletries stall)
- Winter Raffle (raffle ticket sales, using donated prizes)

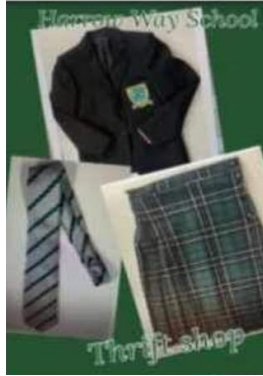
Spring Term (Jan - March)

- Year 7 & 8 Valentine's Disco (Refreshment stall)

Summer Term (April - July)

- Summer Raffle (raffle ticket sales, using donated prizes)
- Sponsored Walk (last year the PTA received 50% of the sponsorship & supported the event with a refreshment stall at the $\frac{1}{2}$ way point of the walk)

Throughout the year we are invited to support many other school events with refreshment stalls.





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It won't cost you any extra. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search

'Harrow Way Community School PTA'

to set us up as your chosen fundraising cause

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Support our PTA from £1 per week and you could win big too!

Sign up at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for

'Harrow Way Community School PTA'



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The PTA have partnered with 'Recycling for Good Causes', to save recyclable items from landfill and raise funds for the PTA. For information on what items can be recycled, please visit www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org



The collection box is located in the main staff room (near reception). Please give your items to a member of staff who will pop them in the box for you.

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The Harrow Way Community School PTA has its own thrift shop. Please support us, by donating outgrown uniform, or by purchasing pre-loved uniform from our shop:

Blazers - £5, Skirts - £5, Jumpers - £3, Ties - £2, Shirts - £1, Trousers - £3, PE Shirt - £2, PE Shorts - £2, Tracksuit Tops - £3.

Please email us at: pta@harrowway.hants.sch.uk, to see if we have your size.

Please hand any donations of outgrown uniform into reception, FAO: Mrs Bain.



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Keep up to date with PTA news, events and volunteering opportunities at:



HWCS PTA



@HWCS_PTA

or visit our website: <https://harrowwaypta.charityhive.co.uk/>

If you are able to help the Harrow Way Community School PTA (HWCS PTA) to raise funds, please contact us at: pta@harrowway.hants.sch.uk

Would you like to join our team?

We are a friendly group of 6 volunteers, made up of parents, teachers and school support staff. We are always looking for new members to:

- help at events (as many or as few as you can)
- attend monthly PTA meetings (helping to make decisions around fundraising initiatives and how to spend the funds we raise)
- take on a specific role within the PTA
- liaise with local businesses regarding sponsorship or raffle prize donations
- help identify and apply for relevant grants

Please get in touch if you are considering joining us. We will invite you to attend a PTA meeting, so you can meet us all, see what we do and decide if you would like to help -No Pressure!
Contact us on: pta@harrowway.hants.sch.uk or pta-chairman@harrowway.hants.sch.uk