

# OAKLANDS FRIENDS' AND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

July 2024



What do we do?

Fundraising

Nearly New Uniform





The Oaklands Friends' and Parents' Association (OFPA) are a group of parents and friends of the school whose purpose is to raise funds to help provide those little extras that will benefit your children and enhance their time at Oaklands.

## What do we do?

We organise and support school events throughout the year and regularly make donations to departments throughout the school. We also continue to save, ready to donate to the next big school project.

Our uniform store in the White House allows us to take in regular donations of good condition uniform and offer a nearly new uniform service.

## How can you help?

There are many ways in which you can get involved in school life and help us to raise these valuable funds:

### The OFPA Committee:

The Committee is a group of parents and friends. We are actively seeking new members, so contact us if you would like to find out more. We meet once a month on the first Monday at 7.30pm, in the Sixth Form block.

### The 'A' Team:

As well as our Committee, we rely on a network of volunteers who help us at various functions; this is our 'A' Team who sell raffle tickets and serve refreshments. If you wish to be involved in events occasionally, without the commitment of attending regular meetings, please contact us to add your name to our brilliant team!

### Supporting Events:

Even if you are unable to give a regular commitment by joining one of our teams, please always try to support us by buying a cup of tea at school events, buying raffle tickets or donating nearly new uniform.

### Nearly New Uniform:

Please donate any clean, good condition uniform to our Nearly New Shop. This can be left at the school's main Reception or your child can leave with Student Services.

## Contacts

If you can help, please complete the forms at the back of this booklet and return to the OFPA via the school Reception.

If you would like more information, please email us: [opa@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:opa@oaklandscatholicschool.org) or visit our pages on the school website: <https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/parents/oaklands-friends-and-parents-association/>



# Throughout the year ...



Throughout the academic year, the OFPA support the school and students in many different ways:

## Nearly New Uniform

(Orders should be placed via email by the last Wednesday of the month and items can be collected on the last Friday of the month)

## Parents' Evenings

(Refreshments)

## Christmas and Summer Music Concerts

(Refreshments and 50:50 Bucket)

## Online Raffles

(Christmas and Summer Hampers)

## School Show

(Refreshments and 50:50 Bucket)

## Pre-Loved Prom Sale

(An opportunity for Students and Parents to buy and sell Prom Attire)

## Department Support

(See next page)



Over the last few years, the Oaklands Friends' and Parents' Association have been able to purchase the following which have helped enhance the Oaklands experience for the school community:



Peace Garden



Display boards in the Hall foyer celebrating the history of the school



Three table tennis tables



University Taster visits for Sixth Form



Sound and lighting equipment for performances, discos, Sports Day, school events etc



New rucksacks and tents for our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions



Picnic bench in memory of a much-loved student



# Coming Soon ...



In addition to our monthly uniform sales, here are a few of the events taking place during the Autumn Term which the OFPA will be supporting and running:

## Uniform Sale

Thursday 22nd August 2024

1.00-3.00pm

White House Chapel

No pre-ordering required, just turn up!

Payment can be made using card or cash

Rugby/Football Boot Exchange Scheme  
(September)

Year 7 Disco / OFPA Informal Social Event  
(an informal 'drop in' event during the Year 7 Disco for parents to have a drink and a chat,  
meet new people and find out more about the OFPA)  
(October)

Prom Attire Sale  
(October)

Christmas Music Concert  
(December)





# What Next ...

The best way to support us is with your time!

## The 'A' Team

A few hours each half term to help support school events

## The Committee

Once a month on the first Monday, 7.30-8.45pm





# Oaklands Friends' and Parents' Association

The OFPA is inviting new members to join our friendly team  
... we would love to hear from you!

Please complete this form with your details and return via the school Reception or via email to [opa@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:opa@oaklandscatholicschool.org) and someone will contact you shortly.

Thank you.

Name: .....

Contact Number: .....

Email Address: .....

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