

Parents Association Newsletter

Sligo Grammar School www.sligogrammarschool.org/parents

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Welcome to our fourth Parents Association newsletter!

We want to keep you up to date with progress this year as well as future plans. Your involvement is of great benefit to the school life of our children, thank you for your invaluable support.

Who is the Parents' Association?

All parents and guardians of children attending SGS are members of the Parents' Association!

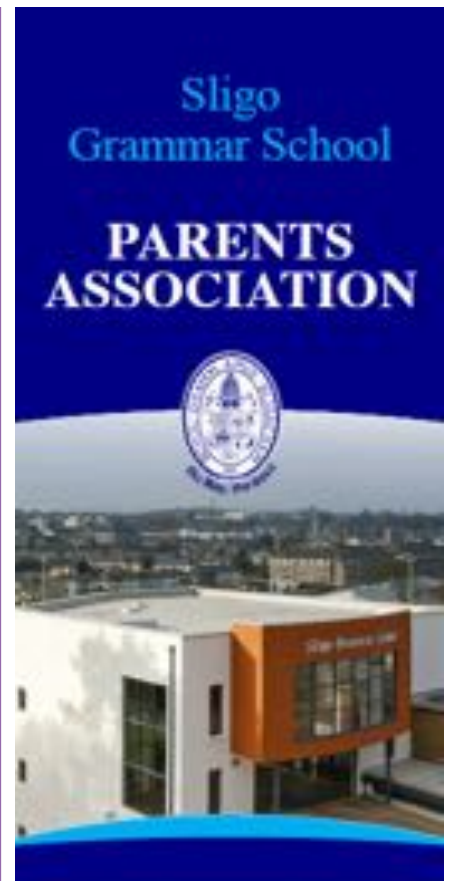
This year, instead of asking you for a €10 subscription, we are asking for a €10 voluntary donation please to help support the work that the PA Committee does for your children. You'll find a link on

<http://www.sligogrammarschool.org/parents/>

Some examples of the activities the fundraising supports include the Student Enrichment programme for Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students, the Mock Interview event (see overleaf), and donations to specific school projects such as the ICT resources.



Members of 2017/2018 Parents Association committee presenting €2000 to SGS Headmaster Michael Hall as a donation towards the school's IT department to help with roll out of ICT. Pictured are Wilson Thorpe, Michael Hall (Headmaster), Henry Moore, Breda Roberts, Amanda Higgins, Alison Irwin, Rosemary Irwin & Michael Kilcoyne.



PA Committee 2018/2019

Chairperson: Paula Lawlor

Vice Chair: Michael Kilcoyne

Hon Secretary: Barbara Good

Treasurer: Breda Roberts

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Ex Officio

Michael Hall

Committee

Shirley Barlow

John Greer

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Amanda Ramsey

Amanda Scott

Siobhan Shaw

Fundraising 2018/19

Fundraising is just one of the roles the PA Committee (but not the only role!). It helps towards specific needs of the school for which no other funds are available. In 2018 the main fundraiser was a 'Rock n Roll Bingo' night which was held on 20th April in the Glasshouse Hotel, Sligo. As well as a really fun musical bingo experience, there was the opportunity to meet other parents and take your chances in the monster raffle draw with prizes galore! Sincere thanks for the generosity of all our sponsors and parents, families and friends who supported this event.

Please watch this space for information about our next fundraiser, which is planned for February 2019...!

AGM Report 2018 – Guest Speaker, Garda Joe Evans

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM in October. Our guest speaker was Garda Joe Evans, a past pupil of Sligo Grammar School. Garda Evans' excellent talk, "**Challenges facing young people in towns today**" was an eye-opener for many of us at the AGM, with some stark realities outlined for parents. Issues including personal safety, social media, assaults, especially one-punch assaults, drugs and alcohol, as well as predators and sex offenders were described. We have posted the summary details on www.sligogrammarschool.org/parents for you to read and discuss with your children, as appropriate.

Mock Interviews 2019

The annual mock interview experience, which is organized by SGS PA for fifth year students, will take place on March 6th 2019. Professionals representing over 20 career types along with parent volunteers give of their time to interview fifth year students in their choice of career. We might call on you so we hope that you can help out if needed! It would be much appreciated.

This event gives students the chance to practice for interview and get feedback from professionals. They can ask questions about the career path they are considering and learn how others have forged their own careers. This all helps with the exciting, and sometimes daunting, choices students are making towards their future study and work life.

Some dates for your Diary

Monday December 17th – Boarders Christmas Party
Tuesday December 18th at 11am - Christmas Carol Service
– Calry Church
Friday December 21st – school closes for Christmas
Holidays
Monday January 7th 2019 – classes resume
Wednesday 6th March 2019 – Mock Interviews

Contact SGS PA

Visit the school website for information on all school activities:

<http://www.sligogrammarschool.org>



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Finally, may we wish you and your family a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

