

# NONSUCH PTA NEWS

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## Not smiling anymore

It's an end of an era as Amazon has decided to discontinue their Amazon smile charitable giving program. From a PTA perspective, this is disappointing as it was an excellent passive income earner which allowed the parent and community to support us. Last year we raised over £400. The PTA has started looking at switching it's focus to other things to fill this gap including [easyfundraising](#) which is like a cashback site but contributions go to the PTA. If you haven't already signed up the PTA committee would ask you to consider signing up and supporting the PTA through this platform.

**Easyfundraising** is a UK-based online fundraising platform that allows charities, schools, sports clubs, and other non-profit organizations to raise funds by partnering with various online retailers. When supporters of these organizations shop online through the Easyfundraising website, a percentage of the purchase price is donated by the retailer to the organization as a commission. Easyfundraising works with over 4,000 retailers, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Tesco, and Argos, among others. The platform is free to use for both supporters and organizations, and has helped raise millions of pounds for good causes since its launch in 2005.

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## 470 BUS ROUTE SURVEY



### FEATURES AND USEFUL LINKS

- [Donate to the PTA online](#) ★
- [PTA Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [easyFundraising](#)
- [PTA Annual Accounts 2021-22](#)
- [PTA 200 Club form](#)
- [Classlist](#)

#### Our Friends:

- [Cheam Cricket Club](#)
- [Cheam Hockey Club](#)
- [Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club](#)

### PTA PRELOVED UNIFORM

Please note that our preloved uniform service is now open - [fill in this online form to order](#)



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### 200+ CLUB WINNERS

Dec 2022 Winners : (Bumper Month)

1st Prize- Irene Polidori (No.49) - £270

2nd Prize- Mrs. Gnanasothy (No.34) - £135

3rd Prize - T. Slavova (No.79) - £55

January 2023 Winners :

1st Prize- G.Debenham (No.105) - £105

2nd Prize- Baljit Dowrich (No.235) - £55

3rd Prize - Rucha Dixit (No.172) - £15

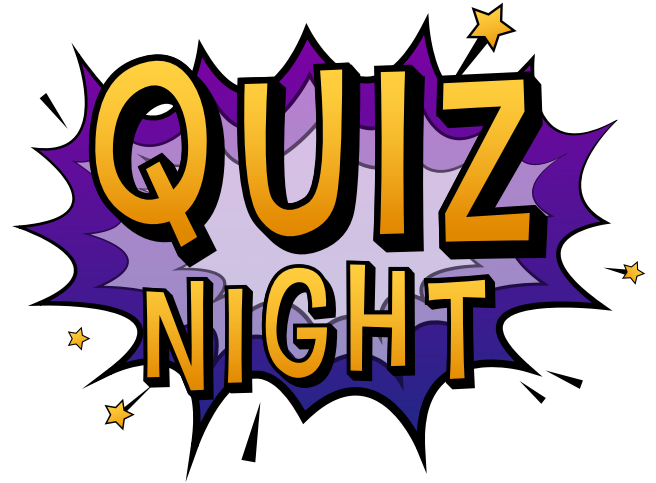
### PTA TEAM



**ALL MONEY RAISED  
GOES TO BENEFIT OUR  
DAUGHTERS**

## Quiz Night Returns

The PTA is happy to announce that Quiz night makes a fabulous return to the calendar. This year Quiz night is on **Friday 30th June** in the main hall and with Mr Barrat, from the maths department, being the quiz master. There will be a variety of different rounds based on general knowledge, sport, history, culture and geography. There will also be a picture board where contestants will need to identify something about each picture. Teams can be made up of 6 people and we with a maximum 120 people for this event. Tickets will go on sale shortly and this will be a sell-out event! The Ticket price will include Pizza + soft drink. Watch this space!



## Other updates from the PTA

The PTA has been busy making plans for the rest of the year. Our Treasurer has been busy with the process of getting Nonsuch PTA registered for Gift Aid with HMRC so at some future events we can boost our fundraising total. Preloved uniform continues to be a great fundraising source with £480 raised so far this academic year. The PTA refreshment stall took £250 during the fabulous musical performance 'The Firebringer', over 2 nights. A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who gave their support and helped during the evening. We are also in the process of looking for sponsors for our Quiz night, so if you run a business and would like to sponsor any of the prizes please get in contact with us.

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**2ND HAND  
UNIFORM  
SALE**



**SATURDAY 8 JULY 2023  
11AM-1PM**

**MAIN SCHOOL HALL,  
NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
CARD/CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS ONLY**

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# Upcoming Fundraising Events 2023

Event	Date
PTA monthly Meeting	1st March 2023
Gym & Dance Display PTA refreshments	15-16 March 2023
Spring Concert PTA refreshments	24th March 2023
PTA Monthly Meeting	3rd May 2023
Summer Concert refreshments	June TBC
PTA Monthly Meeting	7 June 2023
Quiz Night	Friday 30 June 2023
Bag2School	5th July 2023
New Year 7 Welcome event	TBC
PTA Monthly Meeting	5 July 2023
Year 5 Open Evening PTA refreshments	13 July 2023
Year 13 Leavers Breakfast	TBC
School Birthday Doughnut Sale	14 July 2023

## How can you help the PTA? (Not in any order)

- Please join the PTA Committee. Email [PTA@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:PTA@nonsuchschool.org)
- Please join our volunteer group - to help during events and preloved uniform sale.
- [Click here](#) to subscribe to the 200 Club Draw. ....
- Sign up for the online shopping [Easyfundraising](#)
- Donate old uniforms (Please wash before donating and mention the size) that are in good condition
- Follow us on Twitter - [twitter.com/NonsuchPTA](https://twitter.com/NonsuchPTA) and Facebook - [fb.com/nonsuchhighschoolpta](https://fb.com/nonsuchhighschoolpta)

## Other FAQs

How to contact us? Please join [Classlist](#) or email us at [PTA@nonsuchschool.org.uk](mailto:PTA@nonsuchschool.org.uk).  
 Where do we meet? We meet virtually every first Wednesday of the month during term time.  
 Who are the committee members? Please [click here](#) to find out more.  
 Where can I find the Annual Report and newsletters? They are on the school website [here](#).

## CARD & CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS ONLY

PLEASE NOTE THAT NONSUCH PTA WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING CARD AND CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS FOR PURCHASING REFRESHMENTS AT SCHOOL EVENING EVENTS. WE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS.

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The PTA would love to hear from you and help us build a lovely parent community. Thank you once again.

*Ipshita Chatterjee (PTA Chair)*

## Guest newsletter contributors wanted



We are looking for parents and carers who may be interested in writing content for the PTA newsletters and social media platforms on an ad-hoc basis. If you wish to write something topical and would like it featured please get in touch [pta@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:pta@nonsuchschool.org)

# Welcome to our new PTA Committee Members

The PTA would like to welcome 2 new members to the committee. Masha and Sheona were approved as committee members at the last monthly meeting in February. We are due to have 2 parent to roll off the committee this year with because of daughters leaving an

Working for the PTA may seem like a time-consuming commitment, but it doesn't have to be. You can simply volunteer to help at an event without any obligation to do it regularly. Even helping out at just one event will expose you to aspects of your child's life that you may not have been aware of before. You will become familiar with what's available at school, which is especially important since children at our daughters' age don't always share details about their day-to-day experiences.

As a volunteer, you will witness your child and their peers dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, and games, and see how they interact with each other. Moreover, you may even enjoy working with the children and learn something new from them. So, don't hesitate to join the PTA - it's a great way to connect with your child's school community, make new friends, and contribute to the success of the school, without a significant time commitment.



## Masha Barnard

I have a daughter in Year 8. I'm a programmer (with a degree in maths) and work full-time remotely. Originally from Russia, I'm practically a Londoner having lived here for the last 23 years. I play the guitar, enjoy singing and giving back to the community.



## Sheona Sequeira

I have been in the banking and financial industry for over a decade as a Project/Business Manager.

Working with children has always been my passion, as I grew up in a teaching environment. Hence, I thought its time i do what I like and started my own Kumon Franchise Centre

Since my daughter just joined Nonsuch this year, I was really keen to get to know the school better and ways we can come together as a community to make this place a better school for our children, as I think they need all the support and funds in this current market condition.

Hopefully, contributing a bit of our time on a regular basis will make a difference, and our children can benefit from it.



# VOLUNTEER WITH US

Volunteer with the PTA on an ad-hoc basis whenever you want to without a regular commitment. Contact us on [pta@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:pta@nonsuchschool.org) and join our friendly team on our journey to help enrich our daughters' education. The PTA depends on a large team of volunteers to help run events.

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# 470 bus route problems and campaign for improvement

*A piece written by a parent, Julia Critchley who has a daughter in Year 7*



Does your daughter use the 470 bus route to get to Nonsuch High School? Or would she be willing to use it if it was more frequent and reliable? My daughter is reliant on this bus route, and it is the only reasonable public transport option to Nonsuch High School for those living in Belmont, South Cheam, Ewell, and possibly other areas near the school.

Unfortunately, if you do use it, you know that the girls often miss the first bus towards Sutton after school (it is scheduled to arrive at 15:17 but is frequently slightly early), often wait a long time for the next bus which is late or sometimes too full to pick up the girls in Cheam. I understand it's not much better if you are coming from Ewell!

This happens because the route runs at 30-minute intervals. It is not reasonable for our daughters to wait 45 minutes+ or so for a bus to get home, especially in winter if they are doing any after school clubs. Whilst a lot of girls still use this route, I am sure that many have given up and are organising lift shares or just driving their daughters to school. This might be more reliable, but it puts pressure on working parents to drive, and increases traffic in Cheam, which is a very small village for the size of the school. Congestion near the school and park increases the risks of all our girls being involved in road traffic accidents. And really, as the distance is only 1-2 miles for most, it should be easily manageable by public transport in the suburban London and Surrey borders!

You may not be aware, but Transport for London had agreed to increase this bus route to 3 times per hour from late 2022. I think this would make all the difference if it took place, at least at peak times, but this change in schedule has been delayed until 2024 due to lack of funds at TFL and could be delayed longer.

I have contacted the Belmont counsellors (Jane Pascoe) who I found supportive and persuaded TFL to do a survey last year. TFL's survey showed no problems on the 470-bus route but as best we can tell they did not conduct their survey at peak times!

I hope that the ULEZ extension (whether we agree with it or not) could be an opportunity to improve local public transport. I know that many parents have contacted local counsellors or MPs and would urge others to do so. We are also trying to get TFL to do more surveys, but this does not capture potential users who have already given up on this route hence this newsletter request. My aim is to get TFL to prioritise making this route more frequent at least at peak times, and I hope this is achievable given it is something they had already agreed to do before the funding crisis.

*If you live on or near this route and are interested in improving public transport please fill in this survey*



The Nonsuch High School PTA would be very grateful to receive donations of good quality, clean and current uniform items. As you know, all proceeds from uniform sales are donated back to the school to fund a variety of projects across different departments.

- Almost all items (except coats) have been washed, but some late donations may not have been laundered
- Uniform has been stored in bags and therefore may require “freshening up”
- All items are sold as seen.
- Some items will have embroidery, so please unpick and rename.
- All payments must be made electronically. A payment link (from our online payment system ) for your purchases will be sent to your mobile phone via SMS
- **Please fill out this online form for preloved uniform requests.** Please let us know the size you wish to purchase, and we will email back within a few days.

Item	Bought New	Preloved uniform price
Blazer	£35.50	£20.00
Trim Pullover	£17.75	£7.50
Trousers	£35.00	£20.00
Kilt	£35.00	£20.00
Overall	£18.00	£6.00
76cm Food Apron	£11.50	£4.00
92cm Food Apron	£12.50	£4.00
PE polo Shirt	£25.00	£5.00
PE Tracksuit Top	£40.00	£10.00
Pe Fleece	£40.00	£10.00
PE Skort	£22.50	£5.00
PE Shorts	£23.00	£5.00
PE Base Layer	£27.00	£5.00
PE Tracksuit bottoms	£29.00	£10.00
PE Football socks	£6.00	£1.00
PE Swim cap	£6.50	£1.00
PE Holdall	£25.00	£5.00