

## **Chair's Statement**

### **The Parent's Arts Society 2019/2020**

#### **The Programme: Michaelmas Term 2019 to Summer Term 2020**

We had an unusual year with a full Michaelmas Term programme, the Lent Term programme cut slightly short and no Summer Term programme due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets booked for theatre performances in the summer Term have been rolled over until we have a clearer picture of how the sector may return to business.

In total we were able to offer 53 events throughout the year. 10 talks in the Tennant Lecture Series were delivered over the Michaelmas and Lent Terms.

A successful two-day tour of the Potteries of Stoke-on-Trent was hosted in October 2019 for a group of 16 members.

#### **Finances. Info from Lizzie.**

In this unusual year we have had a huge reduction in turnover. We continue to be a non-profit organisation.

#### **Membership**

The Society has 2,537 members (1,307 current parents, 990 past parents, 240 honorary).

#### **Payment for Events**

This online system continues to work well for the Membership, Treasurer and Committee. Under this system we have had to go back to "first come first served" and after some feedback we are looking at ways (times and days) when this would suit the majority of our membership.

#### **The contribution of the Parent's Arts Society to the School community**

We are endeavouring to reach out to the whole school community during this socially restrictive time with:

1. Regular emails providing information of access to free online Arts events
2. Organising events within the government guidelines either online or with vastly reduced numbers.

#### **The Committee**

The Committee has been extremely creative when organising events and adapted well to new working procedures under the pandemic restriction. This has received good feedback from our members. We have slightly increased the committee this year to include one parent from every house. Gaby Collins, Annie Carr-Hill, Joan Stokhuyzen, Caroline Palmer and Wendy Bull joined the Committee, we have yet to recruit from Cowdrey House. Gina Franks and Jane Oatley left the committee.

#### **Future Challenges and Priorities...**

Navigate the forthcoming year adhering to the new government guidelines on Covid 19 health and safety whilst also ensuring our members can enjoy a full Arts Society programme.