



TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

The Parents' Arts Society Chair's Statement November 2023

The Programme: November 2022 to November 2023

There have been so many highlights from the last year that it is difficult to mention them all. We are continuing to offer our membership a broad selection of events. Our committed team of volunteer parents continue to organise events based on their own specific interests. We have had private and exclusive tours to Tottenham Hotspur, Fortnum and Mason, Crossness Pumping Station, Knole, Biggin Hill Aerodrome, Chiswick House to name just a few and sourced 'best seats in the house' to Swan Lake, Glyndebourne, The Lehman Trilogy, Witness for The Prosecution and an evening with Ottolenghi. Many hands-on workshops have been organised which include crocheting, gin-making and sweet pea growing and we have learnt about Street Art and Cezanne. Last term we hosted a Coronation Tea party for the Novi parents, private tours of Burlington Arcade, Chartwell, Shakespeare's Globe, The Savoy and The Royal School of Needlework. We are focusing on engaging with working parents and are therefore not only continuing to book theatre tickets in the evening but also organising events at weekends which recently included a River and Orchard Walk in Tonbridge and Clay Pigeon Shooting.

The Comedy Night (February 2024) for Lower Sixth parents and The Summer Ball (June 2024) plans are well underway.

Having analysed our programme since Covid we are now targeting events that prove the most popular with our membership, such as guided walks and tours. We were forced to cancel two events this term: Mandarin lessons and an embroidery residential trip to Provence, due to a low take-up.

Finances

We have £109,350 in our accounts made up of £81,700 in our deposit account and the remainder in our current account. The Treasurer's Report is attached.

Membership: 2247 members

	Number
Total PAS Membership	2247
PASHON inc. Chair/Treasurer	274
PAS Committee	10
PAS Past Parent	561
PAS Current Parent	1410

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Committee Members

We enjoy meeting twice termly to plan our programme and thank the committee by way of an annual dinner. We currently have 10 committee members, a Chair, Treasurer and a PAS Relations Manager. We will recruit several more committee members this year.

Future Challenges and Priorities

To continue to provide a varied programme that appeals to all our members whilst watching our finances.

To ensure that the annual membership renewal process brings in sufficient funds to cover the PAS annual outgoings.

To plan and host a successful TSPAS Ball in the Summer of 2024.

To continue to provide opportunities for social interaction.