

Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association



What / Who is MESPA?

We are a committee of parents, supporting our school. Our Parents' Association is a great way to meet other parents and carers, so join us as your child progresses through secondary school. You can email us or check out our website – details are at the top of this letter.

There are several ways you can get involved with MESPA:

Painting Volunteer

A group of parents decorate areas of the school for a few hours 4 weekends a year. Donating your time saves our school thousands of pounds a year, money that can be put towards other projects to benefit all our children. If you can clean a wall and can hold a brush or roller then you can contribute and make a difference!

Refreshment Volunteer

MESPA serves refreshments at school events: concerts, plays, welcome meetings etc. We are always looking for volunteers if you can spare a few hours. Please email our organisers Jo and Mo mer@mespa.org.uk for more information or to volunteer.

Donation Support

We do not currently run our own fundraising events, so if you are wondering how to help our school through MESPA, then please consider a regular donation. It's easy and entirely up to you, what you choose to donate and how often. Our form can be downloaded from the school website or our website. Just send it to the school office in an envelope marked "PA Gift Aid" along with your child's name, and thank you in advance for your support.

Committee Member

Only a few meetings a year to attend, and new faces welcome. Help raise funds, organise our volunteers, agree purchasing decisions, and enrich our school.

MESPA member

If you prefer to just lend a hand, let us know. Would you like to sign up to receive future newsletters directly by email? Do you have any questions, feedback and ideas for MESPA? Get in touch at any time!

Year 7 families 2016-2017!

We would like to say **welcome** to the Year 7 students starting in September, and their families! You can help us by returning the MESPA forms you received in your school handbook pack in May, or email us – info@mespa.org.uk

Painting volunteers

Well done to our volunteers in April for repainting the 6th form corridors. If you would like to join us for the November weekends please email our organisers Andy and Helen mepv@mespa.org.uk and we will send out a Doodle poll link nearer the time so you can sign up easily and quickly!

Refreshment volunteers

Thank you for your help at Easter Concert!

Summer Term events calendar:

Parents' Welcome Meeting	22 nd June
Summer Music Concert	now 7th July
School Production	12-13 th July
Sports Personality	14 th July

Fundraising Success – thank you!

MESPA would like to take this opportunity to say a massive **thank you** to every one of our regular donors; we simply cannot help the school with their extra purchases without your generosity!

In the past we have been able to help our school buy a **defibrillator, display boards, gym mats, hot metal equipment** for Design & Technology and contribute towards a new **school minibus!**

Next MESPA meetings – all welcome:

Committee meeting-**Wed 2nd November**
AGM-**Thu 6th October** (times to be confirmed)

Finally, we would like to thank Mike Haddrell, Deputy Headteacher, for many years of service as a committee member, and wish him all the best for the future. Thank you, Mike, for all your help, and enjoy retirement!

MESPA committee members 2015/16:

Richard Bone – Chair
Serag Ammar – Vice-Chair
Yanmei Han – Treasurer
Kathryn Boyd – Secretary

Andrew McLeman & Helen Elliott – Decorating organisers
Jo Hodder & Mo Fahey – Refreshment organisers
Mike Haddrell – Deputy Headteacher