

## **Chairman's Report**

### **Chulmleigh College PTA AGM 2021/22**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Following the previous AGM I agreed to caretake the role of Chairman of the PTA to ensure the group could continue. I am grateful for the support of all the existing committee members, staff and supporters during the year.

Reflecting on the previous year we have still been very much recovering and catching up, post-covid. The one fundraising event that we were able to stage was a super coffee morning at Chulmleigh Town Hall. This was a fun fund-raising event and a great opportunity to engage with our immediate neighbours in our community. I believe that a key part of our role as a PTA is connecting with people and this was a great opportunity to do just that. I particularly enjoyed it. As we look ahead I think it would be fantastic to do more coffee mornings/work in our villages to bring the College to the people. Something to think about.

Secondly, I want to highlight in my report the amazing support and interest from our committee. I was particularly pleased that we were supported so well from staff members from the College, Claire, Zoe and Jamie alongside the stalwart support of Becky Vile and from afar, Becky Huxtable. For this organisation to thrive we do need a combination of both staff and parents and I hope that this will continue. Julia Bushell has also been a huge supporter of our work, although not quite officially on the committee (yet).

I would also like to recognise the support of Lesley and Tabetha particularly, who have supported the PTA since it's reformation and are now due to step aside as their children have now left the school. The amount of time our volunteers give is huge.

Becky and Julia have children in Year 11 this year and we thank them for their support as we enter the final year of their children's statutory schooling.

I would like to see the constitution of the PTA adapted to incorporate the addition of a 'F'. A PTFA would be able to draw on support from businesses and other local figures and I believe this would increase our scope in securing more volunteers to share the work and also make us more sustainable.

As we look ahead I hope that we can appoint a PTA Chair that is independent of the College but supports it, and we attract officers, committee members and supporters who share our goal in supporting the school to do the very best we can, for the young people we serve. A school is about the education and welfare of the children within it and I believe that we can do so much good when we work together. Our aim of enriching and supporting the educational experience of our pupils is a vital one and I look forward to continuing to support the committee to do just that.