

Chairman's Report
Chulmleigh College PTA AGM 2022/2023

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I was elected as chair this year and have been grateful for the support of the existing committee members, staff and supporters. We have had a number of successful fundraising events, these have included providing refreshments at each of the parents' evenings at the college, many of which we also had our ever popular second-hand uniform stall. We provided refreshment at a recent Beaford Arts event held at the College, this was a truly enjoyable evening and would encourage everyone to attend any further events that are brought to the College. Personally, my favourite fund raising event the PTFA undertook this year was providing the refreshments for the Year 11 Leavers Ball at Castle Hill. All the pupils looked amazing, and it was a fantastic event. We held 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. Thank you to all the members who baked, helped and provided raffle prizes. 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 Neil alongside the stalwart support of Becky Vile. We also welcomed new parents to the committee, notable Cathryn who has taken on the role of treasurer. For this organisation to thrive we do need a combination of both staff and parents, and I hope that this will continue. I would also like to recognise the support of Helen and Julia particularly, who has supported the PTFA since it's reformation and is now stepping aside as their children have now left the school. The amount of time our volunteers give is huge. This year we changed our constitution to become a PTFA as this allows us 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 we will be able to attract further 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.