

Ratcliffe College Parents' Association

Newsletter - September 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new term at Ratcliffe College! We would especially like to welcome the new Headmaster, Mr Gareth Lloyd. We look forward to working with him together with all of the staff towards what promises to be another exciting year of events at Ratcliffe.

We extend a very warm welcome also to all new parents and children who joined the school in September. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that you are automatically members of the Parents' Association and you are very welcome to come along to our committee meetings. The dates of these meetings together with recent school news and forthcoming events and a full list of committee members with their contact numbers can be found on the notice boards. Please feel free to contact Amalia Antill (Chairman) on 01509 267813 for more information.

Members of the committee will be attending the **Headmaster's Receptions** - on **Friday 18 September for Nursery School and Junior Department Parents**, and on **Friday 25 September for Senior School Parents**. Please come along, say hello and share a glass of wine with us!

Dates for your diary:

Headmaster's Reception Nursery & Junior Dept Parents 7.30pm, Refectory	Friday 18 September
Headmaster's Reception Senior School Parents 7.30pm, Refectory	Friday 25 September
Open Morning 10am - 12noon	Saturday 10 October
Quiz and Curry night 7.00pm, Refectory	Saturday 7 November
Year 10 Plays 6.30pm Theatre	Thursday 26 November
Chapel Decoration 9.00-12.00noon	Friday 27 November
Christmas Ball 7.30pm	Saturday 12 December

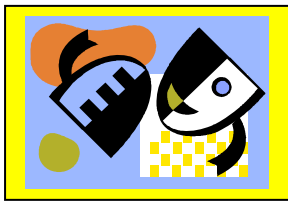


Quiz and Curry Night - Saturday 7 November

There promises to be an excellent range of questions! You can form a team of up to 10 adults or we can put groups together to help figure out those answers! Tickets will be £10 and will be on sale from the Senior School Reception in due course.



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Year 10 Plays – 26 & 27 November

The standard of drama at Ratcliffe is extremely high and we recommend parents come along and enjoy the performances in the theatre. Any parents who are coming to watch their children in these plays may wish to help out serving refreshments.

Please contact Sam Pole if you able to help.

Chapel Decoration – Saturday 5 December

This may seem early but everyone is welcome to come along and help us to decorate the Chapel in readiness for the Carol Service on Sunday 6 December. We make an early start but you can look forward to a delicious cooked breakfast mid-morning to keep you going. Anyone who can spare any greenery, flowers or indeed two very large Christmas trees will be allowed an extra portion at breakfast!



Christmas Ball – Saturday 12 December

Further details about the Christmas Ball will be sent out later this term but you may want to put this date in your diary. Once again, the feedback from last year’s event was excellent and we are hoping to have another highly successful evening this time around. Remember tickets sell very quickly so buy yours early to avoid disappointment!

Volunteers

We always need parents to join in and help run events. Even if you are not a committee member you can still enjoy helping occasionally with an event, which you may be interested in and it’s a great way to meet other parents too. You can also put your name down on our ‘Friends of Ratcliffe’ list if you would like to be contacted about helping out.

Chairman	Amalia Antill
Vice Chairman	David Nightingale
Secretary	Michael Tolond
Treasurer	Lucy Patterson

Volunteers Co-ordinator	Sam Pole – 01509 413784
Junior Department Representative	Sarah Pole
Newsletter Editor	Siobhan Noble and Guests
Senior School Representativeto be filled!

Bindi Desai
Trevor Henderson
Julie Croysdale
Keith Croysdale
Nicki Howard

and newly recruited this week, we welcome
Jenny Howling – our new Nursery School Representative
and
Tess Smith



Thank You to Sophie Neuberg who has recently stood down from the committee for all her help over the past year. Also a big thank you to Tracey Nightingale for all her help behind the scenes!

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