

Cheney Friends

Overview of activities during the 2019-20 school year

Autumn Term 2019

We had a busy and successful term (from September to December 2019), both in terms of fundraising, and of attendance at school events.

We spoke to many prospective new families at the school's Open Evening in September, held secondhand uniform sales at Parents' Evenings across the term, and provided refreshments at the ever-popular Christmas Show.

January to March 2020

This was an equally busy period (before the start of lockdown). Cheney Friends attended the Sixth Form Open Evening at the end of January, spoke with families looking around the Sixth Form and, jointly with Sixth Form students, ran a tea and cake stall in aid of a Cystic Fibrosis charity.

We held secondhand uniform sales at both the Year 8 Options Evening and the Year 8 Parents' Evening in February, and provided refreshments on two evenings for the drama production of "Shrek".

All these activities helped to raise the profile of Cheney Friends within the school community, and to raise funds for the school on many occasions.

Sue Harmer was also successful in obtaining funding for the Music and Drama Departments, through applications to various grant-giving bodies.

March to July 2020

During lockdown, Cheney Friends remained active via email. The Committee agreed to allocate the sum of £1270 to the school (most of this raised between September 2019 and March 2020). This money was given to the PE, Drama and Music Departments, as well as to the Library and the Environmental Impact Team, further to requests for funding we had received at the start of the school year.

Cheney Friends also organised the collection of several boxes of "treats" for Cheney staff during lockdown (wine, chocolates, etc.), and arranged a farewell gift and card for Rupert Moreton at the end of the summer term.

As the lockdown started to ease in July, we ran an online secondhand uniform sale, on an "Order and Collect" basis, which was very successful, as families of upcoming Year 7 students were able to purchase many of the uniform items they needed. The money raised at this sale went towards the purchase of an extra fridge for the Food Technology Department.

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Chair of Cheney Friends
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