

November 2021



Dear Parents,

As the newly appointed Chair of the PTA, I would like to introduce myself and our new secretary Domitilla Fagan, and extend warm greetings to you all.

On behalf of the PTA I would also like to issue our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jen Martin and Christine Gallagher for their invaluable contribution to the PTA over the past number of years.

As always you can contact the PTA with any queries, suggestions or offers of help on pta@sionhillcollege.ie

Olivia McGowan, Chairperson

Annual Debs Reception – Tuesday 2nd November

The PTA have traditionally hosted the recently graduated Sixth years for a small reception at the school prior to departing for their Debs. We were delighted to be able to host a brief simple gathering for the class of 2021 in the Happy Hub. To keep numbers small and in line with Public Health guidelines no parents or current sixth years attended, but a small group were delighted to be able to come back to the school and it was lovely to see them all looking so well and in great form. We wish them all the very best for the future ahead, we are very proud to have them as part of our Past Pupil network.

Christmas Raffle – Call out for Prizes

PTA are planning to run a Christmas Raffle. If you would like to support the raffle by donating a prize, please get in touch pta@sionhillcollage.ie Prizes can include vouchers (One4all/Dundrum or restaurant/accommodation) or event tickets (concert, theatre). Full acknowledgement for business sponsorship can also be arranged. It's all thanks to the generous support to PTA events that we can raise funds to contribute to the school/student learning environment - a recent example being the PTA contribution to the window blinds for St Thomas Building.

COVID-19 – Parent-Focused Public Health Advice

Many of the COVID restrictions continue to be in place and the school is doing an amazing job to keep the learning environment open and safe for the students. However as parents, we also need to play our part, and the PTA would like to encourage everyone to review the parent-focussed public health advice on COVID-19 symptoms so that you can identify when you should consider not sending your child to school <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#health-advice-for-parents>

Finally, the PTA are investigating options for an ISIC student card which would offer a wide range of student discounts. Updates to follow in our next newsletter!

