

Aims of King George V School PTSA!

The PSTA is for the benefit of all parents, teachers and students of KGV. We play an active role in the school community and look forward to supporting you and your children during their time at KGV. The PTSA seeks to improve the educational environment of the school for the benefit of current and future generations of students. Like all volunteer organizations, we embrace the talents, resources and support offered by parents so we can deliver our goals.

Our aim is to bring together parents, teachers, students and the wider school community to work in harmony and in the common interest of the school. We want to promote and develop the school profile within the community. We also want to maintain and foster the goodwill and enthusiasm of parents in the school and provide a link to the school management.

We have an AGM in October and the committee is made up of 11 parents, the Principal, 2 teaching representatives and 2 Y13 students. At this point in the PTSA year, a new committee is elected. If you have experience of committee work then we would very much like to hear from you! We are very proud that we are the only PTA with students on the committee and we very much value their enthusiasm, ideas and input. PTSA meetings are held once a month and a wide range of issues are discussed; committee members each have a responsibility to be part of various sub-committees eg Product Research, Healthy Eating, PTSA events, Curriculum, School Council and Committee of Parents and report back on these. We also work towards our annual fund-raising event and this year in March, the school was transformed into a Fairy Tales Night Market which brought the whole of the KGV community together and was very successful. Funds raised from the Night Market will go towards replacing the chairs and tables used in examinations; funds raised from a Charity Auction on the same night will go towards the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund.

In the past, the PTSA has sponsored the outdoor furniture in the Piazza area and the shades that are on the field. Details of all of this can be accessed on the KGV website and click on the PTSA link. We also stay in touch with you through the weekly parent bulletin and the monthly PTSA newsletter.

A special PTSA folder is sent out to every family in June each year which gives details of the KGV PTSA and our events that are planned for the year. Our summer uniform is on sale in our PTSA shop starting at the beginning of August to make this more convenient for everyone and not such a rush. Once membership has been completed, your son or daughter will be issued with a Student Membership Card and this entitles them to discounts at various outlets eg MCL cinemas, Page One, Dymocks and many others. Remember to have your card with you at all times!

Membership of the KGV PTSA is required by each family under the English Schools Foundation Ordinance of 2008. For further information on this, please see the link www.esf.edu.hk/about-esf/ordinance. This gives details of the functions of the PTAs; in the case of KGV, we have 2 Year 13 students who are part of our committee which is why we are known as a PTSA. We are a company limited by guarantee with charitable status for our fundraising events.

We actively want to know what our parents would like to see from their PTSA so in September each year, we have a Year 7/8 Welcome Evening which is a chance for parents from these year groups to meet each other. In addition, a talk on a popular subject will be presented at this evening. We have a similar evening for Y11-13 students and parents in October each year and this is co-hosted with the KGV Alumni Association and provides information to those students on possible pathways for their future.

We also have worked with Dr Vio and Partners in Hong Kong and hosted a couple of seminars in connection with health-related issues eg April 2010 there is one on Notebook and Spinal Health and in May 2010, one of coping with stress.

We are sensitive to the fact that fees are an issue so our annual membership fee has stayed fixed for 2010-2011 and that is \$300.00. The PTSA provide 2 staff, an administrator and a shop manager who work in the PTSA shop – the shop is open from 8-4pm each day for the convenience of the KGV community. We sell a wide range of stationery and all the uniform requirements for the school. Our shop has undergone a makeover and we hope that this has made for a more welcoming environment – please do drop in and enjoy a coffee with our staff and we do welcome your suggestions.

We support KGV school with their calendar of events and provide refreshments for the annual Christmas Carol concert, the Spring concert and the school production. In addition, we hold a number of lunchtime events throughout the year which coincide with various festivals eg Divali, Christmas, Chinese New Year and Easter – a wonderful range of home-cooked food is provided by our hardworking and enthusiastic parents as well as a bbq and these events are always very popular.

PTSA Calendar of dates!

June	PTSA folder sent to all families
August	PTSA shop open for uniform/stationery
September	Year 7/8 Welcome evening
October	AGM and election of new PTSA committee First monthly PTSA committee meeting Year 11-13 Careers Forum with KGV Alumni Association Lunchtime celebration: Divali
December	PTSA provide refreshments for Christmas Carol Concert/School Production Lunchtime celebration: Christmas
January	Lunchtime celebration: Chinese New Year
March	Annual fund raising event Lunchtime celebration: Easter
April	Dr Vio & Partners seminar: Notebook Computer Usage and Spinal Health. (21 April at 6.30pm SSC)
May	Dr Vio & Partners seminar: Under Pressure Feeling Blue? (26 May at 6.30pm SSC) Lunchtime sausage sizzle
June	Lunchtime sausage sizzle

Please contact our PTSA staff with your ideas or any queries!

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