



Introduction to the Friends of Avonbourne Academies

Who we are

Friends of Avonbourne Academies is a registered charity (charity no. 270515) that supports the Avonbourne Group of Schools by providing events and funding items and services that enhance the educational experience of the school community. We are a group of volunteers who are parents or carers of pupils within the Avonbourne Academies, and we are supported by the Avonbourne staff members. We meet once every half term and discuss bids that have been proposed by staff requesting funding, fundraising ideas and events that we can put on for the pupils and their families.

Over the last year we have funded equipment for the Chess club, the Dance & PE departments, the Mindfulness garden as well as supporting the Year 11 & 13 proms, a visit from a French theatre group, an Art course and lots more!

Our events and fundraising opportunities have included discos for Years 7, 8 & 9, quiz nights, raffles, clothes recycling donations & discounted Thorpe Park tickets.

As well as our Facebook page advertising our events and fundraisers (Friends of Avonbourne Academies – FOAA) we also run a Facebook page for second-hand school uniform – Avonbourne second hand uniform sell page.

Ways that you could support the FOAA

1. **Come to a meeting:** anyone is welcome to come along to one of our half-termly meetings either just to see what we are about, to propose any ideas or to volunteer to support an event. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24th April at 6:30pm in our school library and our final meeting of the academic year is on Wednesday 12th June at 6:30pm in the same location.
2. **Volunteer:** we are always looking for volunteers to support our events such as school discos or quiz nights. Alternatively, attend an event and support us that way.
3. **Make a donation:** this can be done by attending one of our events or you can make a one-off or regular donation via our stewardship account:
www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20477530



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4. **Buy a lottery ticket:** every week one of our supporters wins a cash prize from the proceeds of our weekly sales. In addition, all entries have the chance of winning the grand prize which can range from a large cash prize to a PS5 or shopping vouchers.
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hapta-harewood-avonbourne-avonwood>
5. **Shop via the easyfundraising link:** you can download the app for easyfundraising which includes the option of adding a donation reminder to your browser. Then any shopping you do via the app or donation links will send cashback to FOAA. They also run regular giveaways where you can nominate your chosen cause to win a cash boost.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/avonbourneacademies>
6. **Donate a raffle prize:** we try to run 1 or 2 raffles a year alongside our quiz nights or other events. We try to source as many prizes as possible so everyone has a good chance of winning, but we are always grateful for any donations. These can range from vouchers to tickets, food & drink or gifts. You may own or work for a company that would be willing to make a donation, or you could donate a prize as a private individual. Please contact us to discuss when our next raffle will be held.

If you have any questions or would like to contact us, please either email pta@avonbourneacademy.org.uk or via our Facebook Page – Friends of Avonbourne Academies – FOAA.

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