

Newstead Wood PA – Fundraising Meeting - Minutes

Date: 18/11/25 Time: 7.30pm Location: Zoom

1. Chair's Welcome;

AdC welcomed attendees.

- **Chair:** Adrian Clarke (AdC)
- **Vice Chair:** Raj Ghandi (RG).
- **Secretary:** Nicola Lang (NL)
- **Attendees:** Kerlai Counsell (KC), Simmi Maharaj-Modhwadia (SMM), Aneta McMullen (AMcM).

2. Locker Shelter

- Student lockers are currently outdoors, which leads to issues with inadequate shelter and exposure to bad weather. Lockers frequently become wet inside, resulting in damp belongings.
- NW has obtained quotations from suppliers for a canopy style cover for the external lockers. Canopies UK. offers the most competitive price - £49,000 and has significant experience, with over 5,000 educational installations. VAT clarification is required.
- A visual mock-up has been provided: a green framework with an extended canopy covering the lockers, including guttering. The canopy material is described as a strong, toughened plastic-glass mix suitable for adverse weather conditions.
- Clarification was requested regarding the durability of the canopy, particularly its resistance to impact from netballs and similar items.
- The PA proposes to donate £49,000 to fully fund the project. Committee Members present at the meeting agreed to the donation in principle; however, formal assent is required from all trustees and committee members. The proposal and supporting documents will be circulated to all PA members for feedback. **ACTION: AdC**
- Remaining PA funds could support a £10k project next year (e.g., gym equipment upgrade).

3. Y7 & Y8 Disco

- A Year 9 student has organised a KS3 disco as part of the Wings of Hope Achievement Award (WOHAA), a social enterprise programme for young leaders in schools.
- Therefore, it was agreed that the PA-run November Y7 & Y8 disco will have to be rescheduled.
- Suggested dates were either 22 or 29 January 2026, depending on hall availability.
ACTION: ACTION: AdC & Disco Team
- A proposal was made to introduce a theme for the event. Suggestions included Neon Night or Glow Up, featuring bright clothing, energetic music, glow sticks, etc.
- The annual summer Y7 & Y8 disco is proposed for Thursday 9 July, subject to NW Hall availability. **ACTION: AdC & Disco Team**

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4. Popcorn & PJs Movie Night

- Due to potential overlap with a WOHA event it was decided to reschedule to Feb/March 2026. Date to be determined based on NW Hall availability. **ACTION: AdC**

5. Quiz Night

- Still planned for spring term; exact date to be confirmed **ACTION: AdC**

6. Parent Event

- A suggestion was raised for a more formal parent event, such as a gala dinner. This is not feasible for the current year, but the PA will revisit the idea for next Christmas season.

7. K-Pop Night

- Suggestion to explore a K-pop event for April/May or potentially incorporated into July disco. Student interest to be assessed **ACTION: NLL**

8. Colour Run

- Proposed fun run with 'colour' stations to be held as an end-of-year celebration.
- Student ticket includes a white T-shirt and sunglasses to wear for the run.
- Suggested date around 17 July 2026, depending on final school calendar.
- A proposal outline - including cleaning up and health & safety considerations – will be submitted to the Chair. **ACTION: KC**

9. Other ideas deferred until 2026/27

- Outdoor movie night.
- Outdoor obstacle course.
- Winter fair.

10. Refreshments for Christmas Concert (11 Dec 2025) and Carol Service @ Crofton Church (17 Dec 2025)

- Volunteers are needed for refreshments; a call will be posted on the NW WhatsApp groups **ACTION: SMM**
- Serving mince pies, mulled wine, soft drinks etc.
- Mulled wine will be sold at the Christmas Concert, so an event licence is required.
- The Carol Service will operate on donations only, and no licence is needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8.10pm.