

Holy Cross College, Strabane

PTFA Trustees Annual Report

December 2017

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2107, the PTFA of Holy Cross College, Strabane enjoyed another very successful year. Thanks to the participation and generosity of the pupils, staff and parents, significant funds were raised; £7422.08 in total.

The expenditure for the year totalled £6103.12 which enabled the committee to support a number of trips and resources for pupils in Holy Cross College.

A proportion of the fund was spent on transport for pupils that enabled them to attend events that would otherwise have been unaffordable. This included transport to airport for Science visit to London, transport to the ET festival in Ebrington Square, transport for pupils participating in trip the Pope John Paul Award pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick and transport for several visits to the theatre for students of Drama. The PTFA also helped to support pupils form the college who were travelling to Europe as part of the 'PopTap' to compete in a dance competition in Portugal.

Bursaries were made to students who were going to the Gaeltacht in the summer and for young carers to visit Lourdes. Funding was provided for a CORE youth group retreat in Gortin. Funding was also made available for a student who has been awarded a place on the summer school with the Ulster Youth Theatre.

The PTFA supported a number of ventures by providing equipment for students. This included provision of tents for the pupils completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a camera for Moving Image Arts, and art materials for the popular art class facilitated by Mrs Georgina Mc Gonagle which ran after school for parents and members of the local community.

The PTFA provided funding for the registration of Peer Mentors with OCN, so that their valuable training and contribution could be enhanced by accreditation with a recognised qualification. This qualification was provided in partnership with EA worker Gavin Deeney and has supported the development of Leadership skills in the school and in the wider community, where many participants have gone on to take an active role in Strabane Youth Council.

PTFA also funded valuable programmes facilitated by The Young Enterprize Academy.

As usual, the PTFA were happy to contribute to celebrating the success of pupils in Key Stage 3 by sponsoring the awards on Prize night.

Another wonderful evening, (the Guest Tea) brought members of the community together to enjoy homemade delights and were also able to enjoy the best of the musical talent in the school, thanks to the generosity of the music department. Thanks also to our very own Mary Berry ( Mrs Mary Mc Crossan) who demonstrated and supervised a workshop on Christmas cake decoration in December.

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