

# The Friends of St Ignatius College

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**The Friends of St Ignatius  
College**

(FIGS)



## **What is The Friends of St Ignatius College (figs)**

The Friends of St Ignatius College (figs) exists to provide a partnership between home and school. Its function is to bring parents, families, friends and staff together socially in support of the school, working together for a common goal. All families are automatically members of the association when they join the College.

The Friends of St Ignatius College is made up of a committee with various working parties who manage and organise the main fundraising/social events throughout the year. Meetings are advertised on the College's website and are open to anyone who would like to attend/volunteer.

Current committee members are:

<b>Chair (Joint):</b>	<b>Markos Markou, Sharon Martinez, Diana Martinez</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ritsa Markou</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Gill Conway</b>
<b>School link:</b>	<b>Teresa Neary</b>
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<b>TBC</b>

It must be stressed that the committee relies totally on a wide network of parents, friends, staff and pupils who volunteer to organise or help at events.

You can contact the Friends of St Ignatius College for further information on how you can volunteer or with ideas/comments/requests via our email [friends@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk) or via our communications box in the school office

## **What does The Friends of St Ignatius College do?**

The main role of the association is to organise fund raising and social activities for everyone. Events can be large fund raisers or they can be purely for social occasions.

The Friends of St Ignatius is proud of the financial support it is able to offer the College and of the variety of social functions it can plan to organise. All in all,

The Friends of St Ignatius College aims to strike a balance between fundraising and social events.

**How is the money spent?**

The Friends of St Ignatius College works closely with the Head Teacher and staff in ensuring that the money, which the Association raises, is used to best effect in meeting the needs of the College and furthering the education of all its pupils.

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## **How YOU can become involved with The Friends of St Ignatius College (FIGs)**

There are many different ways in which you can help and support the work of the Friends of St Ignatius College. You could:

- Attend a 'FIGs' meeting (it is open to all). This is a good opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinion. Look out for dates of meetings on our link on the College's website.
- Participate in an event organised by The Friends of St Ignatius College. Look on our link on the College's website for upcoming events. There are also ways you can support 'from a distance'- just contact FIGs via the school office.
- Support an event through MATCHED GIVING or COMPANY SPONSORSHIP. It is worth speaking to your HR department if your company will support us in that way. (*Please see the GET INVOLVED page overleaf.*)
- Sign up to EASYFUNDRAISING. This is a lucrative way to earn money through internet shopping at no cost to the purchaser. (*Please see the EASYFUNDRAISING page overleaf*)
- Donate your unwanted TEXTILES to our termly HAPPYSCHOOLBAGS collection. FIGs receive a competitive rate of up to 65p per kilo. You can donate children's and adult clothes including paired shoes, accessories (hats, belts, etc.), soft toys and bed linen (no duvets or pillows)
- Exploit your links and contacts. Do you know anyone who could add some value to one of our events? Let the committee know if you have any skills or business connections which could be used.

There is a brief questionnaire accompanying this leaflet. Please take the time to complete it, in order to help us organise suitable and successful events for the College. Please return the questionnaire to The Friends of St Ignatius College drop box in the school office or email your comments/ideas/requests to:

[friends@stignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@stignatius.enfield.sch.uk)

**We look forward to hearing from you**

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### COMPANY MATCHED – GIVING SCHEME

Do you work for a large firm or company? For example:



Most high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and other organisations have a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy and are keen to help support charities through a **MATCHED GIVING** scheme. In many cases, participating companies will support their own employee if s/he is involved in a charity and will match his/her fundraising. This is a joint effort as the employee helps to raise money for their charity and the company benefits from tax incentives and kudos.

With this said, as FIGS is a charity, we would like to encourage parents/carers, family and friends to approach their HR department and ask them to 'match' any amount raised at Figs Fundraising events. For example, last year a member of the school community, who works for a high street bank, raised £500 through their employer's Matched Giving scheme just by volunteering a few hours one evening to help at the Spring Quiz Night.

Please read the following summary of the main types of **MATCHED GIVING** schemes.

- Employee's participation in fundraising – the company may match the money raised by their employee who has helped at an event or who has simply attended an event (may have to take a photo to prove attendance!)
- Donation of single gifts – if an employee gives £20 to their charity, the company might match the donation.

As always FIGs would like to thank you for your support - together we can make a difference. For more information, please contact the Chair of FIGs via the school office.

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### ***Shop Online and Raise Money!***



### **Have you heard about EASYFUNDRAISING?**

It's the easiest way to help raise money for **St Ignatius College**. If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose, eBay, or indeed if you book your holidays online, (eg: Booking.com, Thomson, Expedia, Virgin) then we need you to sign up for free to raise money.

### **So how does it work?**

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but **FIRST** you use the links on the **[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)** site to take you to your chosen retailer. Then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to FIGs at no extra cost to yourself. *(NB: The price of your item is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly)*

### **How much can you raise?**

There are over 2,000 retailers on the EASYFUNDRAISING site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase with **NO** extra cost to you. There are also discount offers so you can save money too!

### **Why sign up?**

Easyfundraising is **FREE** to use plus you'll get access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only will you be helping FIGs, you'll be saving money yourself.

### How to sign up?

It's as easy as 1,2,3..

1. Go onto the FIGs page on the College's website.
2. Click on 'Link to Easyfundraising'
3. Click on 'Join Us' and create your own free account



NB: our cause is called:

Friends of St Ignatius Enfield

Finally, every donation helps in our effort to raise money for St Ignatius College. So please sign up to **[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)** and start making a difference.....simply by shopping online.



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### PROPOSED FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENTS 2018 - 2019

FIGs are committed to providing appropriate and enjoyable fundraising/social events and to working closely with all concerned in ensuring that the money which the association raises, is used to best effect in meeting the needs of the school and in furthering the education of all its pupils.

It is envisaged that funding from FIGs will be for curriculum enhancement (eg workshops, inspirational speakers, subsidising trips/activities/events) as well as non-curriculum projects such as the provision of equipment for the outdoor space, interior refurbishment and refurnishing.

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2018**

Annual General Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018  
Happyschoolbags collection 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Quiz Night 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
Pupil Lucky Christmas Grids

#### **SPRING TERM 2019**

Happyschoolbags collection 2 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Quiz Night 2 – March 2019

#### **SUMMER TERM 2019**

Happyschoolbags collection 3 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Family entertainment event – June/July 2019 TBC  
Happyschoolbags collection 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**FIGs value your support and participation in all events.**  
**Please visit the FIGs website for further information regarding events or contact FIGs at [friends@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk) if you have further suggestions for future events or if you are able to volunteer to help in anyway.**

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PHOTO GALLERY

FIGs Valentine's Ball 2016



FIGs Quiz Night



FIGs donation towards Tanzania Project



HappySchoolBags Collection



Arsenal and Spurs raffle winners

