

Gowerton School Southern Hemisphere tour 2022/3.

Newsletter No.21

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1. Tour update:

The current restrictions and the uncertainty over when they will be relaxed, added to the fact that there is concern over a 'third wave' makes it difficult for us to plan with any certainty.

As a group of staff, we remain committed to ensuring that the tour goes ahead.

Mike and I feel that we need to have a 'face to face' meeting rather than via zoom to allow all of us to judge the feelings of everyone (parents, students and staff) before we make our final decision.

Such a meeting will hopefully be possible when we return after Easter, it may have to take place outdoors.

2. Current financial position:

Thanks to our efforts pre-lockdown we currently have £23,900 in the tour account. That money is both funds raised by individuals and money already in the Hardship and Central tour funds.

We also have funds still to be banked from the Christmas (now Easter) raffle and Easy fundraising.

3. Individual fundraising:

a) Easyfundraising.com:

Those using the easyfundraising app when they are making online purchases are continuing to raise significant funds to reduce the cost of their tour.

We now have 122 parents, students and staff using the app and they have raised £900 since we started using it about four months ago.

The individuals who have raised the greatest amount are:

Week ending	Amount raised (£)
Samantha G.	121.13
Rebecca M	57.89
Peter G.	57.63
Emma R.	54.44
Nat. G	53.10

With the increasing amount of shopping taking place online, this could raise a significant amount for individuals over the next 18 months. Some people have got friends and relatives raising funds on their behalf.

A reminder that using the app is straight forward and involves no cost or effort on your part.

If you do any shopping online and have not registered and wish to do so, contact Miss Vaughan or Mr. Mason and we will send you Miss Vaughan's guide on how to join.

Any money raised by you, or friends and family who register on your behalf will be credited to your son/daughter's personal account.

b) Christmas (now Easter) raffle:

With all pupils returning to school on Tuesday 13th April, the draw for the raffle will now take place in school on Monday 26th April.

Those who received raffle tickets should return all tickets (sold or unsold) to Mr. Hughes by Thursday 22nd April.

A reminder that if you have provided a prize you will be credited with the value of all the tickets you sell. If you have not provided a prize, we will retain 50% of all your ticket sales up to a maximum of £5. That money will go into the Central Tour Fund.

c) Litter picking:

The rota initially intended for the spring term is below and will commence on our return and then continue through the summer term.

Day	Student
Monday	Cerys Evans
	Sophie James
	Jayden Grey,
Tuesday	Faith Gilmour
	Dayne Garrett
	Nathan Gardiner
Wednesday	Jorja Aiono
	Finlay Guard
	Cian Jones
Thursday	Nicole Mort
	Ella Nemeth
	Lowri Lewis
	Bella Whitehouse
Friday	Honey Barrett
	Tyler Davies
	Harvey Marshall

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks,

Mike Lewis/Dean Mason.