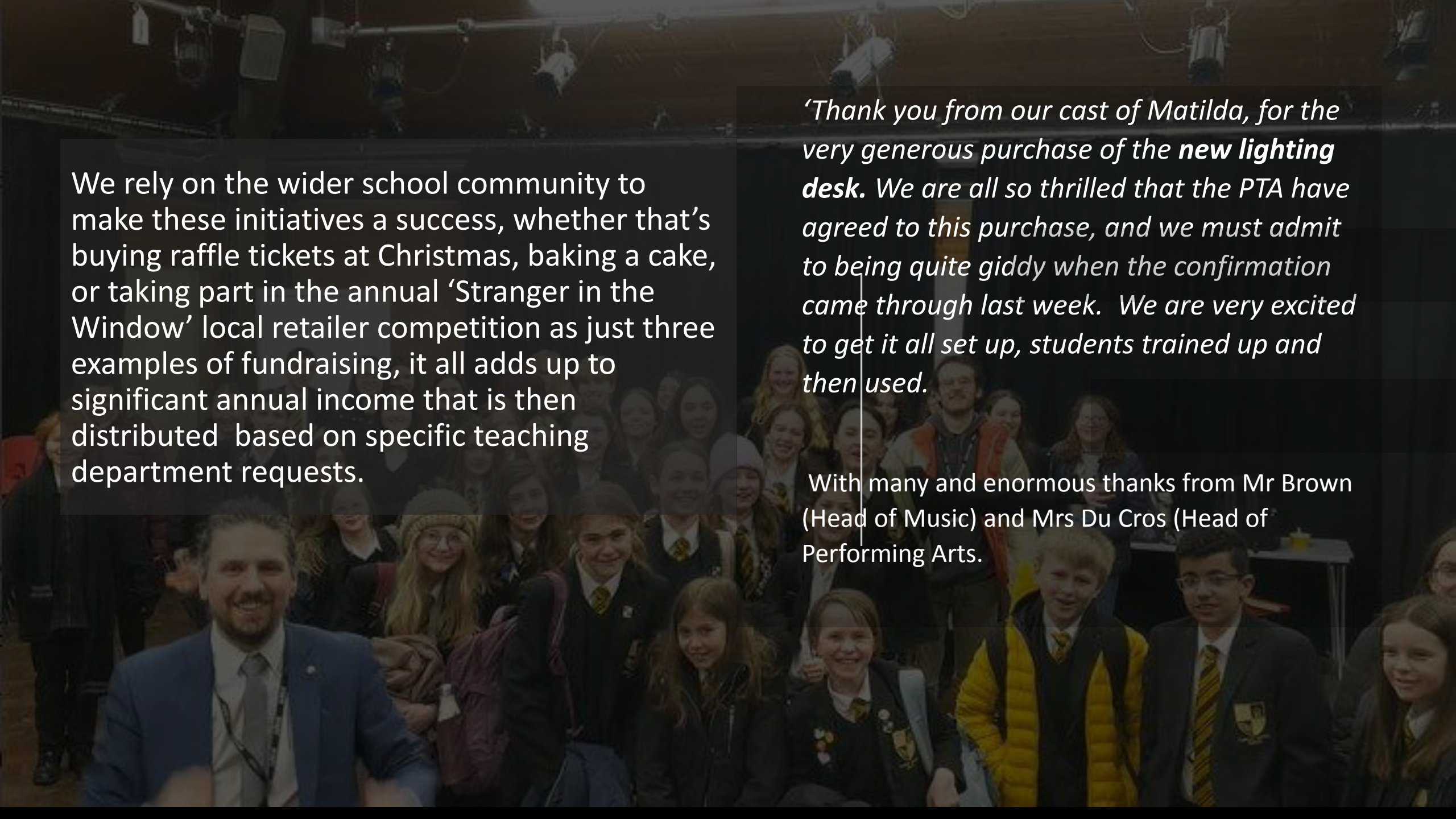




Chipping Norton School PTA Fundraising Impact Report 2022-2024

Chipping Norton School has a small but very active PTA committee which organises year-round fundraising initiatives to help pay for things that fall outside of the school's budget remit. Here is a summary of the activity and the outcomes over the last year to report back and acknowledge all of the support with thanks.

A group of school children and a man in a suit are standing in front of a stage. The man is on the left, smiling, wearing a blue suit and a grey tie. The children are in the center and right, wearing school uniforms. The background shows stage lights and a dark stage.

We rely on the wider school community to make these initiatives a success, whether that's buying raffle tickets at Christmas, baking a cake, or taking part in the annual 'Stranger in the Window' local retailer competition as just three examples of fundraising, it all adds up to significant annual income that is then distributed based on specific teaching department requests.

*'Thank you from our cast of Matilda, for the very generous purchase of the **new lighting desk**. We are all so thrilled that the PTA have agreed to this purchase, and we must admit to being quite giddy when the confirmation came through last week. We are very excited to get it all set up, students trained up and then used.*

With many and enormous thanks from Mr Brown (Head of Music) and Mrs Du Cros (Head of Performing Arts).



“Having these **textbooks** will make a world of difference to the **GCSE Computer Science classes**, as it reflects the recent changes to the GCSE syllabus. Hopefully, this will build upon the success of the recent GCSE results. Thank you!”

From Mrs Faulkner, Head of Computing.

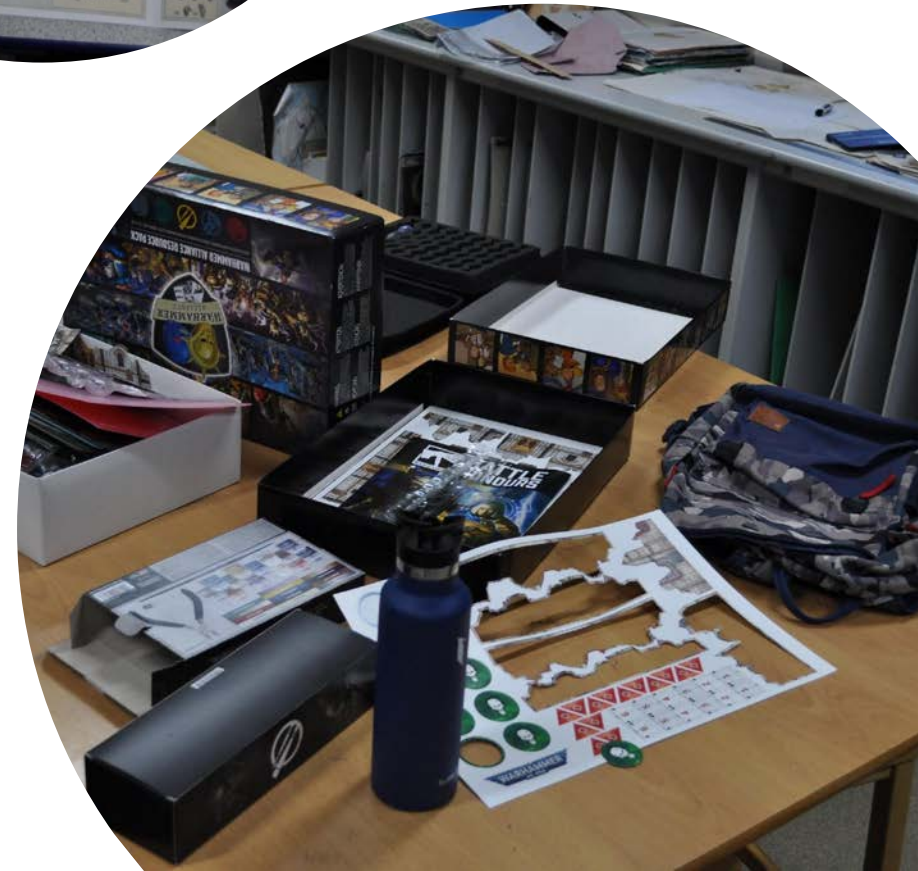
Pictured: Florence and Sienna Gascoigne, Year 7, selling raffle tickets at the Co-Op

Fundraising

Thanks to our grant applications, one of the most effective fundraising activities involves submitting requests to the local council and the community funds of local businesses. Over the last year this has generated:

- £1,820 in grants from Chipping Norton Town Council
- A very generous £5,000 from Evenlode investments
- £750 for rugby shirts from Owen Mumford
- £500 from the Co-op.

If you know of a local business that could be approached for additional funding, please do let us know.



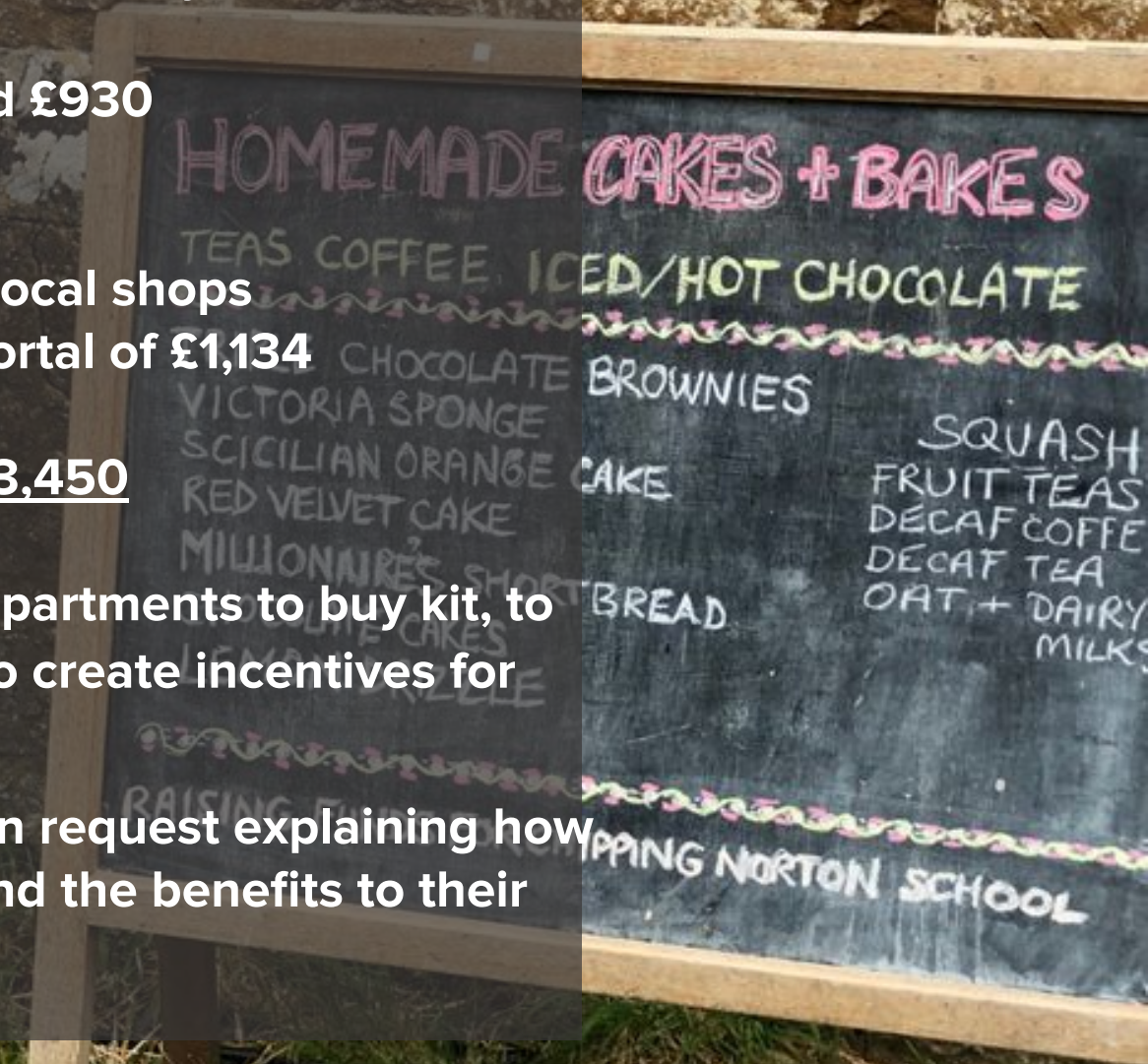
Other activities that we would like to say *thank you* to everyone involved:

- Two tearoom takeovers at Chastleton which netted £930
- £600 from hosting the bar for school music events
- £2,662 from the Christmas 2022 raffle
- £54 from 'Stranger in the Window' competition in local shops
- And one-off or monthly donations via the Stripe portal of £1,134

This all adds up to a very healthy annual total of £13,450

During the year £12,350 was given to numerous departments to buy kit, to fund resources for the school kitchen garden and to create incentives for attendance streaks.

The process is that members of staff put in a written request explaining how much funding they need, what it will be spent on and the benefits to their department or extra-curricular activity.



BY THE NUMBERS

13,450

Total amount of funding generated

12,350

Funding given to school initiatives

15

People in the PTA

13

Requests for funding accepted

9

Fundraising initiatives & grants



Here are some of the lovely messages of gratitude from the staff:

“I am absolutely thrilled that the PTA has looked favourably on my request for a replacement paper trimmer. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank them for their time and fundraising efforts to enable these purchases to be made.” Mrs Matthews, Clerical Administrator

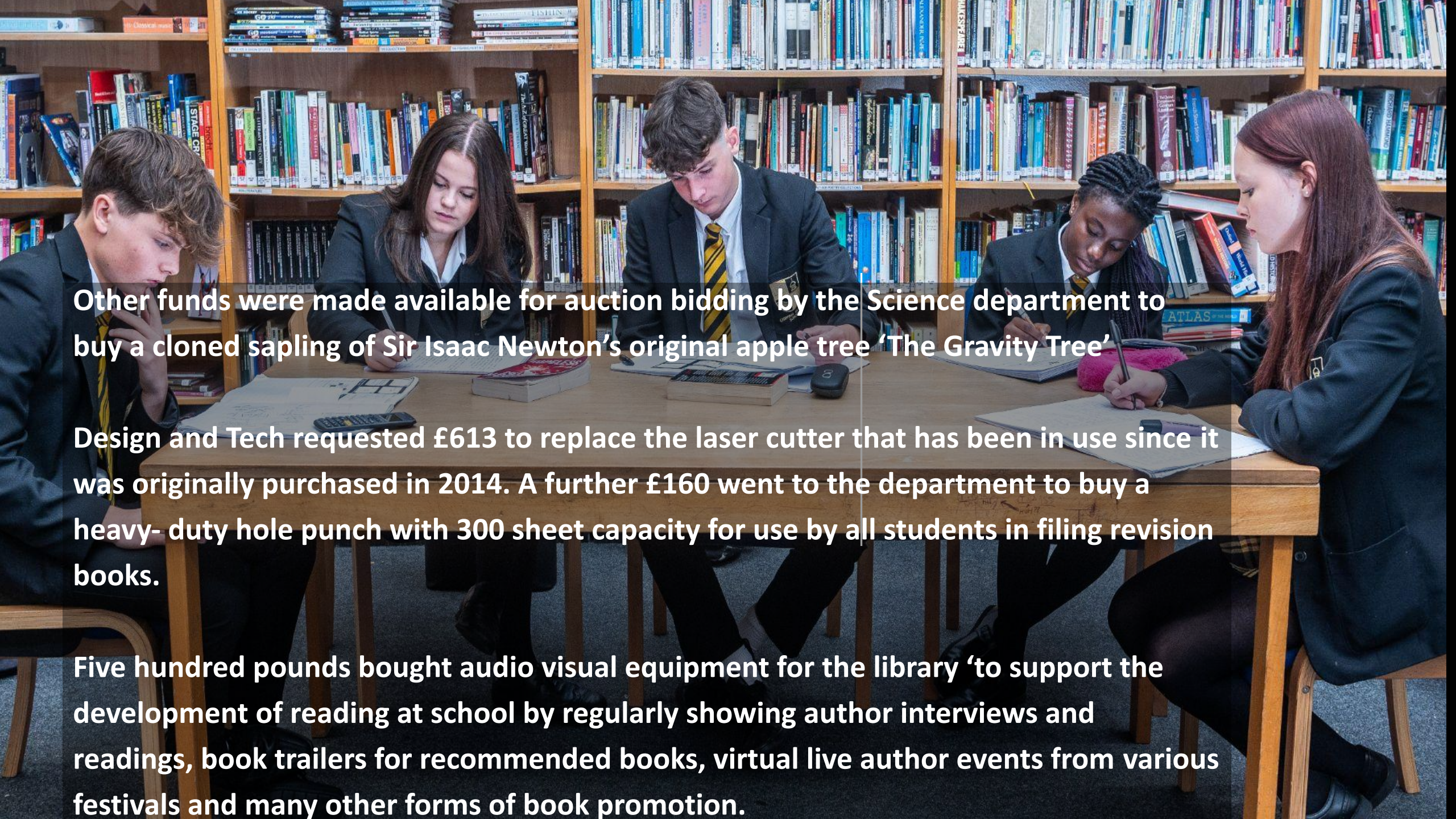
“Dear Members of the PTA, As the Pastoral Leader for Year 11s, I would like to extend a warm thank you for your generous £250 donation to help cover the costs of the year end trip to Thorpe Park. We have 88% participation for this event and our students are excited and enthusiastic about their day at the theme park after finishing their summer exams. Students will have an enormously fun last day with all of their friends. Your hard work fundraising on the school's behalf is greatly appreciated.” Mrs Lee, Senior Pastoral Leader for KS4

‘Please could you pass on my sincere thanks to the PTA for considering my bid and allowing us to purchase some much-needed new food processors. They will serve us well, the ones we are trying to replace are well over 15 years old and now can’t be repaired.

Mr Dye (Heads of Sociology and Philosophy & Ethics) and Tristan Hood (Teacher of GeograpHY) run Warhammer Club on a voluntary basis at lunchtime. We were delighted to be able to fund their £150 request for paints, brushes, modelling tools, miniatures and scenery.

“Warhammer is a huge British success story that encourages hobbyists to develop literacy, numeracy and artistry in a rules-based miniature wargame with a host of published literature and lore that describes imaginative fantasy and science fiction worlds. Students learn important social skills that were sadly stripped from them during lockdown, such as cooperation, taking turns and shared world building. The game has traditionally been a haven for young people who are not inclined towards sports.”





Other funds were made available for auction bidding by the Science department to buy a cloned sapling of Sir Isaac Newton's original apple tree 'The Gravity Tree'

Design and Tech requested £613 to replace the laser cutter that has been in use since it was originally purchased in 2014. A further £160 went to the department to buy a heavy- duty hole punch with 300 sheet capacity for use by all students in filing revision books.

Five hundred pounds bought audio visual equipment for the library 'to support the development of reading at school by regularly showing author interviews and readings, book trailers for recommended books, virtual live author events from various festivals and many other forms of book promotion.



The area outside the sixth-form common room received £200 to fund shade loving plants and compost to plant up bare borders and kick-start an ongoing plan to engage students in caring for and further developing this space to increase their appreciation of nature.

£1400 helped buy 6 additional chrome books for students who need to use them for exams and further funds bought a laptop for use by a trainee teacher.

PTA Donations Via the Web Site

Thank you to everyone who supported in any way at all over the last two years. It really does make a huge difference to the resources available and some of the experiences that the school can offer. Please do carry on supporting in the year ahead in any way you can.

With a final thanks to all,
The PTA, Chipping Norton School.