



Saint Olave's Grammar School

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Dear Fellow Parents / Carers,

Re Strictly St. Olave's Spring Ball on Saturday, 28 April 2018 Auction and Raffle

Tickets are still available to purchase for this wonderful event. You will enjoy a champagne reception and a delicious three course dinner with fabulous live music from The Hitmen, a fantastic 8-piece jazz band.

Your Parents' Association Spring Ball is one of the biggest fundraisers of the School's social calendar and this year we have pledged to use funds raised at the Ball to purchase tablets for Science lessons for use by all year groups and other technology upgrades which are vital for our children's learning in this digital age.

In addition, we will be pledging to use funds from the associated raffle for the purchase of sports equipment from the Sports Wish List (attached).

Please note that you can still pledge funds for specific items or provide a cash donation even if you are unable to attend the Ball. Please email Jo Wright directly on jowright7oaks@yahoo.com if you would like to do so.

Please join us to directly benefit every single one of our children by:

1. Donating prizes that we can auction on the evening

Last year's auction raised a fantastic amount for the School and auction lots have previously included a week's accommodation in the French Alps; a weekend stay in a London Hotel; French Tuition; a two-hour mentoring/coaching session and a hot air balloon ride for two people. Can you offer an auction prize?

The more unusual, the better but all donations are greatly received. If so, please contact Jo Wright at jowright7oaks@yahoo.com with details by Friday 20th April.

2. Joining fellow parents at the Ball on Saturday, 28th April

Tickets can be purchased via sQuid. If you experience any problems using the online system or the Spring Ball ticket offer is not showing on your personal sQuid account, then please contact the Finance Department by email on financeoffice@saintolaves.net for assistance. If you are not booking in a group, we will seat you with parents whose children are in the same



year as yours. Please see the attached FAQs for general information or if you have a specific query please email Jo Wright at jowright7oaks@yahoo.com.

3. Donating Prizes that we can include in the raffle draw

Even if you are unable to join us for the Ball, please do consider donating a prize that we can include in the raffle – for example a bottle of champagne, wine, chocolates, restaurant vouchers, beauty treatment vouchers, etc. Donations can be left at the School Reception on or before Friday, 27th April marked for the attention of The PA Spring Ball.

We are confident that with your help, we will make this event even bigger and better!

Many thanks for your continued support.

St. Olave's Parents' Association



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What should I wear?

The dress code is flexible but smart. Wear black tie / shirt and trousers / dresses long or short / cultural dress / full on Strictly sparkles. It's up to you.

2. I am new to the school- will I be seated with people from my class?

We will do our utmost to seat you with people from your class and year group.

3. Can I bring my children?

No, the PA run many events to which children are warmly invited but the Spring Ball is strictly adults only.

4. Can we have a mums table or dads table?

Yes of course, this is actively encouraged and it is not just a couple's night. The idea behind the ball is for everyone to have fun and have the opportunity to meet people which is more difficult at secondary school as parents are not at drop-off/pick-up.

5. What sort of music will be played?

There will be a live 8-piece jazz/funk band to entertain us throughout the evening. Although the theme of this year's ball is Strictly St. Olave's you don't have to be a ballroom dancer to attend!!

6. What food will be served?

A three-course meal will be served with a choice of starter, main and dessert which must be chosen at least two weeks before the event to enable the caterers to order and buy the food. Please see the attached menu. Once you have purchased tickets via sQuid you will be emailed direct so you can place your food order.

7. I have a food allergy (e.g. Gluten-free). Will this be a problem?

No, not at all. Provided you notify Jo Wright in advance with full details she will liaise with our professional caterers to ensure you are catered for.

8. What drink will be served?

A glass of Champagne (or fruit juice) on arrival is included. There will be a cash bar on the night serving a selection of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks. In addition, you can pre-order a selection of red and white wine and sparkling water via sQuid to be provided on your table. The wine selection will be published on sQuid for purchase within the next fortnight.

