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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to another packed year at Downlands. The Downlands School Association (DSA) continues our hard work, gearing up for the Christmas Market on Saturday 24 November from 10am to 1pm. We really look forward to seeing you and if you or a friend or family member would like to join us to sell remember its just £20 for external stall holders. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful ideas the pupils come up with for their stalls, and the Christmas Tree Forest returns to make everything feel truly christmassy.



It was fantastic to see new faces at our DSA AGM and we hope to see more of you at our committee meetings. As a parent of a pupil at Downlands you are automatically a member of the DSA. So come along and help make the school fund-raising even better.

This past year the DSA raised £21,022.22 which will be donated directly to the school. As a charity our fundraising is also enabling the school to make funding bids, and to provide evidence of matched funding. Most recently we donated to and enabled funding bids for the Wellbeing Garden, the Dance Studio and the outdoor amphitheatre. Our efforts and your generosity really make a difference to the life of the school. It is rare to have a secondary school PTA and we want to keep it strong and successful for everyone.

If you'd like a stall or just want to find out more about the DSA please email nburston@downlands.org. Alternatively, you can visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/downlandsschoolassociation/>

You can also raise money simply by accessing shopping sites online via this: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/downlandssch/>

We look forward to a happy and successful school year,

Best wishes,

Justine
DSA Chair

