



The Owen's School Association (OSA) is a charitable organisation whose members are parents or carers of children at Dame Alice Owen's School.

The OSA's main aims are:

- to raise essential funds to support many School projects
- to purchase books and equipment for all School Departments
- to provide valuable extra resources for all students
- to enhance the School community by enabling parents to meet and participate in events and other fund-raising activities and be more actively involved with the School.

Despite the recent difficult times we have all experienced, the OSA has raised over £100,000 in the past four years. These funds help to maintain the exceptionally high standards consistently achieved by the School. Our large contribution is due to the dedication of the OSA and many other parents who are proactive, who participate and help out at events and who contribute their time and efforts in other fund-raising activities.

All parents and carers automatically become members of the OSA when their children join the School. We rely on the support of new parents to join us and help us when they are able to. We do not expect everyone to be able to offer their time but hope that everyone will support our events and other fund-raisers when they can.

How Can You Get Involved?

1. OSA Committee

- All Committee members are current parents of children at the School.
- If you think you may want to join the Committee, you are more than welcome. Just come along to one of our meetings and decide then if you would like to join us.
- Our Committee Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the 1st Monday of every month during term time. They are held in the Old Library at the School which is on the first floor of the main building. All are welcome.
- To find out more, please contact one of our Co-Chairs at chair@theOSA.org.uk

2. OSA events

- Even if you are unable to help, you just need to join in! None of our events are exclusive so bring your friends and extended family to join in too. Up and coming events are listed in the School Calendar and include Quiz Nights, Race Nights and a Summer Festival.



- The School runs c.40 performances/productions each academic year. The audience are able to buy refreshments during the interval. We require volunteers to help out on these evenings. Please email refreshments@theosa.org.uk if you are willing to help out even if for only one or two evenings per year. All helpers are welcome and it's a great way to meet other parents.

3. Other Important Fund Raising

- **200 Club** – Please sign up for this. It costs £24 a year per ticket for your name to be in the hat for 2 monthly prizes of £50 and £25. (You can buy as many tickets as you wish and therefore don't have to restrict yourself to just 1 ticket!). Please contact us at 200club@theOSA.org.uk for further information.
- **Easyfundraising** – Please sign up for this. It is so easy and costs you nothing. On the 'Easyfundraising' website, select Owens School Association as your chosen charity and then all you have to do when you make online purchases is to go to your chosen shop via the Easyfundraising link. There is no cost to you at all and with everyone in the School Community doing this, large amounts of money are raised for the School. [Click here for more information](#).
- **Match Funding** – Many large companies will match the money we raise at our events. These tend to be the larger national or multi-national companies as part of their charitable giving. Please ask your HR Department whether they offer this. This raises a lot of money for the School. For more information, please contact matchfunding@theosa.org.uk
- **Book Covers** - In line with the School's aim to protect your child's exercise books, smart, clear PVC Book Covers embossed with the Dame Alice Owen's crest can be ordered online from the OSA. You will be notified of the link which will be available during the first week of September and your orders will be distributed via your child's form tutor. All profits from the sale of Book Covers go to the OSA to further support the School.
- **Nearly New Uniform** – The OSA also runs a nearly new uniform shop selling good quality used uniform. Each academic term there is an online sale which allows greater access to purchase uniform. There are also opportunities throughout the year to buy uniform at live events. Please keep a look out for InTouch messages from the school regarding future sales. If you have any questions, please email: uniform@theosa.org.uk.

How we Keep in Touch

- For any OSA enquires please email chair@theOSA.org.uk
- Follow us on Twitter on @dao_osa
- In Touch mailings to parents are sent out via the School to remind you of forthcoming events, please keep an eye out for them
- For news of events and booking forms please go to the [OSA website](#)

Please get involved as much as you can. We really want to improve the resources available for our children's education.

Everyone is welcome and all help is gratefully received!