

WELCOME TO BSA - JUNIOR

What do we do?

BSA Junior offers social activities and support to families, providing opportunities for the school community to get together, build friendships and most importantly, have fun. We also raise funds to support the Junior School. These funds benefit all children by providing valuable additional resources and facilities which enhance the school environment and curriculum.

Who are we?

As the title suggests 'BSA Junior' is the Junior School part of the Bootham School Association (BSA). All parents and guardians of current Bootham School pupils (Junior and Senior) are members of the BSA and many staff members are actively involved. We have a friendly committee who take responsibility for the regular activities and organisation of events. We often need new committee members, so if you are interested please get in touch. We also rely on parents to volunteer their time and effort to support our activities. Parental involvement is crucial to our success so every contribution, large or small, is always gratefully appreciated.

What sort of events do we run?

We hold a variety of fun, family-friendly events throughout the year, ranging from children's discos, quiz nights and the regular bake sales to larger events such as the Christmas Fair. BSA Junior supports a number of additional fund-raising initiatives such as Christmas pudding and gift wrap sales and runs a nearly new uniform shop.

There are some differences in the way BSA Junior operates compared to other school and fund-raising organisations. As we respect the Quaker values of the school we avoid gambling-based activities or those where there is an element of chance involved (e.g. casino nights, tombolas, raffles, etc.). We also do not have alcohol at any events on school premises.

The BSA at the Senior School also organises various social events (which usually take place on the Senior School campus) and Junior School parents are welcome to attend.

Benefits of membership

As members of the BSA, Junior School parents are also encouraged to participate in a number of free sports sessions offered at the Senior School, including swimming and badminton.

The BSA also operates a discount scheme which offers reductions on goods and services provided by a range of local businesses on production of a BSA membership card, provided to all parents when they join the school. To see a current list of participating stores and businesses in York please look on the parent portal (BSA senior section). Please remember to carry your card with you and to use it as often as possible with the supporting businesses.

How can you contact BSA Junior or find out what's going on?

Meetings

Meetings are held at various times in the school library, usually twice per term. The dates are advertised well in advance in our newsletters and on notices around school. They are open to everyone and new ideas and help are always very welcome. If you would like to get involved, email bsajunior@boothamschool.com

Class representatives

We try to ensure that each class has a parent representative who acts as an additional point of contact between parents and the BSA Junior Committee. They also help parents keep in contact with each other and organise social events at a class level. If you would like to be a representative for your class please get in touch. You do not have to be able to attend our meetings to help out in this capacity.

Our committee members

You are welcome to speak to our committee members at any time and they will do their best to help you with any questions you may have. Their names can be found on our notice board and in our newsletters from time to time, or ask at the school office.

Newsletters and messages

We try to keep all parents up to date with BSA Junior news and information through our regular newsletters and event flyers which are sent home in your children's book bags or by email via the school office.

The BSA Junior post box can be found on the shelf just outside the school office and is checked daily. Request slips for nearly new uniform can be found in there and can be left for our uniform sale co-ordinator to deal with if you are unable to get to one of our sales.

By email

If you would like to receive further information by email we ask that you provide your email address directly to us as we have no access to school contact information. All details provided are treated in the strictest confidence and your email address is never displayed to other recipients. If you are unable to come to our meetings but would like to be on our helpers list for events please mention this when you email us and we can add you to that list.

To provide your email address or if you have any other questions, simply drop us a line at bsajunior@boothamschool.com.