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Dear Parents

Pitsford School 30th Birthday Ball!

I wanted to write to you about the social event of next term, namely our 30th Birthday Ball. Pitsford School was founded in 1989 and our hope is, across the academic year 2019-2020, to celebrate thirty wonderful years, and to look forward to an even brighter future.

To start the celebrations in style, the Parents' Association are hosting a formal ball on 21 September 2019 in Pitsford Hall and the Sports Hall, which will be draped and dressed in a magnificent manner. My original suggestion was a fancy dress theme (Cowboys and Pirates) but I was out-voted and it is a classy black-tie affair instead. There will be outstanding food, exhilarating music, an auction and, I can guarantee, no jugglers. It will be a fantastic night and a fitting start to our year of celebration and I would love it if you could come.

We are inviting current parents, former parents, Old Pitsfordians, School Governors and staff present and past, so I am sure that tickets will sell out; it will be a wonderful evening.

Tickets cost £55 each and can be bought through the Parents' Association page on our website.

Here is the link: <https://www.pitsfordschool.com/parents/pitsford-parents-association>

In addition to marking an important year in our history, the Ball will help to support a key initiative of next year, namely to refurbish our School Chapel. The Chapel is in the Wake Building, next to Pitsford Hall. It is where Senior School assemblies take place three times a week, examinations are sat, concerts are staged and drama is performed. The Junior School use it at times and will do so more and more as we move forward. We also let external friends and supporters of the school have access to it too (like Scouts, local orchestras, ACF contingents and so on and so on).

Although the Chapel is a key room within the school, it has not been updated since I was a Mother Superior (that is a really funny joke, but you need to know there was a Convent School here before Pitsford School, to get it. Maybe it is not a really funny joke).

Our plan is to re-orientate the room so that assemblies and performances are 'in the round' (which will make communicating with the audience infinitely better). We will also re-floor the room in wood, change the windows (which are a bizarre opaque glass), to bathe the room in light, and replace the doors that have been bricked up some time ago, to enable them to open up, once again, onto Pitsford Hall's spectacular garden.



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This refurbishment will transform the Chapel, and add to the school immeasurably. In addition to its current function, I envisage it being used much more as a performance space in terms of drama and music, and even deploying it as a dance studio. A really exciting prospect!

So, you can see this is a win-win letter: the Ball will be the sort of superb party that Cinderella's wicked step-mother would have had to let her go to, it will celebrate something wonderful, namely a thriving young and fresh independent school in Northamptonshire, and it will add to the experience of every student in the school. Win-win!

The Parents' Association will be in touch again, but please come and buy a ticket and I will see you there!

Best wishes

C G Walker
Headmaster

PS keep updated on the Facebook page of Pitsford School PTA where all updates can be found.

