All good things come to an end

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL
BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The St Pauls Business Club was formed in February 2016 with a view to finding additional business for business owners associated with St Pauls School and to provide a much needed additional income stream for the School.

The following year membership of the Business Club peaked at over 30 local companies including such household names as Santander Bank and Cemex UK.

Sadly it became more difficult to recruit new members and last year numbers at our networking meetings declined and after very careful consideration the Committee has taken the decision to close down the Business Club at the end of the Summer Term.

Whilst I am sure that many of you will be disappointed by this news the Business Club has met many of its objectives and some of its successes are listed below:

- We have increased the profile of the School with the local business community.
- Members who made use of the Business Club were able to make those all important new business contacts with one member gaining at least six new contracts worth several thousand pounds.
- We attracted a number of high profile speakers at our networking meetings including Baroness Dorothy Thornhill Elected Mayor of Watford, Richard Harrington MP for Watford and Gary Grant MD of the Entertainer Toyshops.
- The Business Club produced a lively and interesting free of charge quarterly magazine which gave a lot of useful information about the School, the Business Club and its members.
- At least four sponsorship deals were arranged for the School as a result of publicity through the Business Club Magazine.
- The Business Club has recently covered the cost of £596 for the new School Prospectus Folders in addition to making a payment of £1k to the School. We're also hopeful that it will be possible to make another payment of at least £1.5k to the School at the end of the Summer Term.

It only remains for me to thank Mrs Winter and Miss Heraty for their encouragement and of course the Committee Paul Bradshaw, Breege Curtis, David Firman, Sarah Gagan, Mark Peddle and John Whitby for all their support and hard work. If you are ever looking for a builder, plumber or financial consultant please do think first of a parent at the School who may be able to help you and if you are happy with the service that they are able to provide then you might like to consider a small donation to the School.

Roger Gagan

Chair St Pauls Business Club

thank you!