

Fundraising Ideas for Sixth Form

'The £20 Challenge' - over a couple of weeks or a holiday, each member of the group/year is challenged to raise just £20 for the charity. They can simply ask friends and family to make donations, they can do a sponsored activity (5 hour silence, 24 hours without TV/chocolate, swimming 40 lengths, etc) or they could do odd-jobs for family and neighbours (washing a couple of cars, collecting leaves, etc).



This is a manageable task and, if every member of the class/year takes part, it will produce tangibly significant funds.

Non-uniform/fancy dress day - everybody pays £1 to come to school in their own clothes or fancy dress. Teachers could be sponsored to come in wearing school uniform!



Cake/biscuit sale - individuals/groups bake something at home and bring it in to sell on a stall at the college craft fair/concert/play.

Raffle/Tombola - pupils could be asked each to bring in a prize of some sort. Tickets can then be sold by a group of pupils to guests at a school event (summer gala, carol service, etc.) or to other pupils/teachers by going round to each classroom during a given period.

If you're planning to organize your own raffle, check the rules with your local authority licensing department. And if you're arranging the event on private property, always ask permission from the owner.

Guess the baby competition - a group of individuals (students and staff alike) bring in photos of themselves as a baby. A group of students runs the competition by displaying and numbering the photos and charging fellow pupils a small fee to enter. Once you have entered, you receive a sheet with numbers on and have to write the name of the member of staff whose photo it is, next to the relevant number. The class sets a deadline and then marks all of the entries, giving a prize to the winner in assembly/form time.



Guess the number of sweets - fill a jar with sweets and chocolates. Take the jar around at a function or just from class to class, and charge people a small fee to enter the competition by guessing how many sweets are in the jar. Take each entrant's name (and contact details if you do not know them) and then award the closest guess with the jar of sweets as a prize!

'Teacher Swap' - Would a member of staff be persuaded to swap places with a student for a day/morning? Perhaps the student could lead assembly in the morning, while the teacher sits and listens? Perhaps the pupil could wear a suit while the teacher wears school uniform/jeans? And maybe the teacher could even attend a few lessons!

Sponsored activities - maybe a class could collectively swim/walk/run the equivalent distance of Lands End to John O'Groats (1641.22 miles!) and ask all of their friends and family to sponsor them. Or five types of sponsored activity could be offered to all students (swim-athon, fun run, sponsored silence, sponsored giving up_____ (TV/sweets etc.)) with relevant sponsor forms available for each. There could be a for the student who raises the most in each event.



Hold a 'themed day' - the theme could be a colour, an era, a television programme - anything at all really! Everyone has to dress up to do with the theme, the school could be decorated in the theme's style, and fundraising events could be held throughout the day, centring around this theme (e.g. a red confectionary sale, a 70's fancy dress competition, a TV programme quiz)

This has the advantage of raising awareness throughout the school/college of the fundraising efforts and gets as many people as possible involved.



Fashion Show - you could ask local shops if they would lend you clothes and accessories for the evening, in return for a mention in the programme, and then sell tickets to come to the event. Or do you have a talented clothes designer in your midst? Perhaps you could design and make your own clothes to show off at the event and even auction/sell them off at the end!

Talent show/Stars in Their Eyes Evening - Calling all wannabe singers/dancers/impressionists! Charge a fee for entering the contest and then award a prize for the act voted the best. You could also charge for tickets to watch the show.



The Smartie challenge - someone buys a load of tubes of Smarties and gives them out to the rest of the class (you could either ask everyone to make a donation to cover the cost or take the cost out of the money you eventually raise). Each person can then eat the chocolate and, once the tube is empty, must start collecting all of their 20ps in it. A deadline could be set for when these need to be returned and a prize could be given to the person who fills their tube the fastest/fills the most tubes. A full tube contains £15!



Organise a disco for younger pupils - would lower school pupils come to a disco held one evening after school? Organise some music and arrange to use the school hall with drawn curtains and disco lights if you have access to any. Then charge for tickets and sell refreshments on the night.

Young Enterprise - does your school/college run a Young Enterprise scheme? Perhaps the proceeds for this project could be donated towards your fundraising efforts.



Why not do a sponsored parachute jump? - on your own or with a group of fellow students, why not do a parachute jump and have an experience of a lifetime whilst raising money for The Suzy Lamplugh Trust? There are three types of jumps, airfields all over the country and jumps take place at weekends throughout the year.

Fundraising gauge - put up a large thermometer-style gauge in the classroom/common room to show everyone what progress is being made. You could keep adding indefinitely to the top of the scale as the funds raised increase, or you could have a set goal at the top with a planned reward, e.g. a member of staff will shave off his beard/wear an Ali G costume to work for a day if we raise £1,000 by the end of term, etc.

