

10 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Secondary Student Charity Letter**

We are now approaching the end of a very successful autumn term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of the school. I write to you today with some important information about the end of term. On **Thursday 17th December** to raise money for the chosen charities we will be encouraging our staff and students to wear something festive and sparkly and to make a suggested donation of £1 to the non-uniform fund. The charities that we will be supporting this year are below and have been voted for by our very own student council reps. Money raised on the day will be divided by the charities and we will be running an in-house competition to see which house raises the most.

- **Zephaniah - Birmingham Children's Hospital** "Many of our women, children and families face incredibly difficult circumstances. Their stories of courage, determination and hope are truly amazing. By supporting either our women's or children's charity you will be making a real difference to the lives of thousands of families when they need it most".
- **Tolkien - UNICEF** and the Yemen Crisis "UNICEF is on the ground to save children's lives, to help them cope with the impact of conflict, and to help them to recover and resume their childhoods".
- **Simmonds – Birmingham MIND** – "Birmingham Mind provides high quality services in a variety of settings. All our services are carefully vetted by our own monitoring arrangements or external verification. We provide person centred support to enable people to be in control of their lives".
- **Watt – Edwards Trust** - Edward's Trust offers a holistic bereavement care service to young people following the death of a parent, carer or sibling in Birmingham and the West Midlands. Through this unique support, young lives that have been devastated by death are rebuilt and nurtured to ensure they reach their full potential.
- **Yousafzai – National Deaf Society** – "We are the National Deaf Children's Society, the leading charity for deaf children and young people. We're here to support every deaf child who needs us".
- **Cadbury – Islamic Aid** – "Help Create A Lasting and Sustainable Change in the lives of those less fortunate.

Please read the following guidelines in relation to non-uniform.

It is important that any student clothing is appropriate to the school ethos and values, and does not cause any embarrassment to staff, students or other members of the school community. The school will continue with its normal lessons and will maintain professional working environment on this day.

The following guidelines should be observed:

- Skirts and dresses, if worn, should be at least knee length

Items prohibited:

- Strapless or string-strapped tops;
- Clothing which might be revealing
- Baseball caps or hats
  
- Clothing with offensive logos or slogans
- Flip flops, backless footwear or high heels, due to health and safety reasons

In order that our pupils remain safe, as always, we ask that pupils refrain from wearing any jewellery or from bringing in personal effects (iPod, earphones etc.) anything that might draw attention to themselves. Students who participating in the non-uniform day should arrive at school wearing clothing in accordance with the above dress code.

**Please note that school will finish for the end of term at the times below:**

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>12.10</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>12.10</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>12.20</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>12.00</b>

Yours faithfully



**Mrs. V. Chatwin - Director of Behaviour Culture & Ethos**