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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Re: NOVEMBER UPDATE**

I hope that you have had a good half-term break. This letter is just an update on Covid, Remote Learning and Charity work this half-term.

**Covid 19 Update**

We tested most students on return to try to give ourselves the best possible start to the half-term. We are also hopeful that the extensive measures that we have put into place at school will be successful in avoiding the spread of the virus across other year groups:

- Face coverings continue to be worn in communal areas. These must be supplied from home.
- If there is Covid in the home, students must now remain at home until they receive a negative PCR test unless they have recently recovered from Covid or have been vaccinated.
- PE kit must be worn on days where students have PE. This is to remove any transmission whilst changing. Full school uniform must be worn on non-PE days.
- We will retain the staggered end to the day, releasing Year 9 and Sixth Form at 3.10pm.
- Assemblies will remain remote in classrooms.

**Remote Learning - Staff Absence Update**

We appreciate that when Staff are absent from school for a longer-term absence it is difficult for students to access work. Therefore, we are looking to streamline the process. Students will be notified on their calendar that the lessons are not live. The work will be set on the Year Group Team (not the usual Subject Team). Each subject will have a channel e.g. English Remote Learning. Tasks or assignments will be set in this folder for students to complete in their lesson slot.



## Charity Work

This half-term we will be collecting for our chosen charities. It is important for all our students to understand the importance of compassion, kindness, and supporting others through, what can be, a difficult time of year. Our Student Leadership Team and BH6 Health and Social Care Classes have chosen the charities. They will be coordinating our efforts and you can follow our progress and prizes via our official social media sites. We have chosen the following charities and fundraising ideas:

**Children in Need** – we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to raise money for Children in Need 2021. You can make your donation directly to Children in Need through ParentPay:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3797>

### We will be collecting items for:

**Manna House** - who help the homeless by providing them with food and clothing and our **local foodbank** who aims to address the immediate and critical needs created by food insecurity. We will be collecting the following items from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**: flask or tin mug, tin opener, small torch with batteries, non-alcoholic hand wipes, non-alcoholic hand sanitiser, small bottles of toiletries, roll on deodorant, gloves, hat, scarf, hand warmers, socks, mints, sweets, chocolate, small can of pop, juice (not concentrated).

We will be collecting the following items from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**: Cereal, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomato, Jar Pasta Sauce, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Sponge Pudding, Biscuits, Tea Bags, UHT Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Savoury Treats and Sweet Treats or Chocolate (including selection boxes).

Students should deposit items in the Library when they arrive in school in the morning. They will then be collected and organised by our Sixth Form.

### Other Fundraising this term will be for:

**PAPYRUS** who exist to reduce the number of young people who take their own lives by shattering the stigma around suicide and equipping young people and their communities with the skills to recognise and respond to suicidal behaviour. We will be raising money through our **Christmas Hamper Raffle**. We have 10 exceptional gift hampers, including a Bucket of Booze (over 18's only), Beauty Basket, Harry Potter Hamper, Sweet Treats, Toys and Treats, Film Night Hamper, Pamper Hamper etc. **Tickets will cost £2.50 and can be purchased via ParentPay from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** when hampers can be collected by students or parents/carers/adults.

**The Donna Louise Trust Hospice** who provide a lifeline to hundreds of families across Staffordshire and South Cheshire who are facing every parent's worst nightmare; the heart-breaking knowledge that they will almost certainly outlive their child. Our students will be invited to participate in a **Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. They can wear their Christmas jumper or just wear something merry and bright! This will run at a cost of **£1.00 per student** and is payable on ParentPay up to and including the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We would also like to take the opportunity to reinforce that non-uniform days are not non-work days. All students should have appropriate books and equipment with them and conform to the usual rules of Health and Safety and good behaviour. I hope that you will support our efforts in whatever way you can, and I look forward to reporting our progress.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Robinson  
Headteacher

