



Dear parent/carer

This week, the student house leaders, deputies and captains have been delivering assemblies. The assemblies have been centred on explaining the choice of charities that each house is supporting this academic year. The house captains, deputies and leaders across year 7-13 worked together to identify a charity that they are passionate about supporting, raising awareness of and fundraising for.



Pankhurst House has selected the Camfed Charity to support and raise funds for. The charity's aim is to tackle poverty and inequality by supporting girls to go to school and succeed, and empowering young women to step up as leaders of change. Pankhurst has chosen this charity because they believe it to be very important and would like to also share the views and aims of Camfed. They believe that all students should be educated about the underprivileged and uneducated females in sub-Saharan Africa.



Churchill House has selected the National Autistic Society to support and raise funds for. The charity's aim is to provide specialist autism services. Their trained staff and volunteers bring passion and expertise to the lives of 100,000 autistic people every year. Churchill has chosen this charity as it is very close to one of the captain's hearts and because they would like to raise awareness for autism. They believe it to be not very mainstream and therefore, would like to educate students about the disability.



Hawking House has selected Young Minds to support and raise funds for. The charity's aim is to fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges. They are there to make sure that young people have the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties. Hawking has chosen this charity as they believe mental health is a big problem in young people and it's not given the attention it deserves.



Rendell House has selected Teens Unite to support and raise funds for. The charity's aim is to help families with teens affected by cancer, and for those young people to build on their self-esteem, self-confidence and to reduce the feeling of isolation, realising that others are facing similar challenges. Rendell has chosen this charity as they believe it is a very important and special cause that can often go overlooked.





Murray House has selected The Mental Health Foundation to support and raise funds for. The charity's aim is to help people to thrive through understanding, protecting, and sustaining their mental health. Murray has chosen this charity as they feel as though it is a bigger problem than most people make it out to be. It affects millions of people not only in the UK but globally. They believe it would be great if they could raise money for them but also awareness of their aims too.

Throughout the academic year, all of the houses will be running a range of activities to both raise funds for their chosen charities but also to raise awareness of their chosen charities. Some of the activities the house leaders are exploring are competitions in sports, talent shows, fun runs and non-uniform days. Once details are finalised we will communicate this to the students via the weekly period 1 powerpoint, TVs around the school and in assemblies.

As in previous years, the school will also be supporting the local Epping food bank appeal. From Monday 25th November, 2019 students are encouraged to bring in donations and place them in their coloured house box in the wooden foyer near main reception. Epping food bank have asked students to try to donate the following items where possible but all donations will be happily accepted.

1. UHT Milk/powdered milk	6. Coffee/hot chocolate
2. Long life juice	7. Jam
3. Tinned ham	8. Small/medium box of chocolates
4. Tinned tomatoes	9. Custard
5. Rice	10. Sponge puddings

We will accept donations up until **the end of Tuesday 10th December, 2019**. A selection of our house captains, deputies and leaders will then be involved in delivering the food to Epping food bank later in the week.

Yours faithfully

Imogen Kemp  
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