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Dear Parents and Carers

Principal's Newsletter

We are fast approaching the Christmas holidays and I am writing to thank you all for your support throughout this term. I hope the next two weeks go smoothly so that we can all look forward to a well-deserved break. Ahead of the last day of this term, I would like to share details of the following:

Christmas Jumper Day

As mentioned in a previous letter, we will take part in National Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. We will use this event to fund raise for the following charities:

- *Young Minds* is an organisation that raises awareness for mental health issues among young people in the UK. Their mission statement reads: "We want to see a world where every young person who is struggling feels able to reach out, and has people and services around them who can really help." Further information can be found at: <https://youngminds.org.uk>
- *Hampers for Heroes* is a not-for-profit, community interest company (C.I.C) ignited by COVID-19. Organisers send care packages to show gratitude to healthcare workers, carers and other frontline workers in need. Further information can be found at: <https://hampersforheroes.net>

Firstly, thank you to the students in Year 12 and Year 13 who suggested the charities we will support as part of National Christmas Jumper Day.

Secondly, students who wish to take part can donate £1 to the charity of their choice on Friday 11th December. Collection buckets will be placed at reception and these will be clearly marked for each charity.

It is important to note that Friday 11th December is not a non-uniform day. We still expect students to wear their usual BOA T-shirts and black trousers (et al), with the Christmas Jumper replacing the BOA Hoodie on this day only. Students must also continue to carry their BOA lanyards and ID cards.

Foodbank Collection

A huge thank you to all families who donated to our recent Foodbank collection. We received an overwhelming response and delivered all donations to the Birmingham Central Foodbank this week. The foodbank is organised by the Trussell Trust and further information can be found at: <https://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk>

2020 Vision Showcase

A reminder that footage from the 2020 Vision showcase will be released ahead of the Christmas break. Firstly, I must thank students and teachers in Broadcast who have spent a lot of time editing the footage, as well as trying to ensure all students are captured on screen. I look forward to sharing information on how to view the footage with you shortly.

Until I write to you all again, I hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours truly,



Alistair Chattaway
Principal