

February 2024

Headteacher - Patrick Earnshaw

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Deputy Headteacher - Mathew Downs

I am writing to explain an exciting opportunity our Year 7s are participating in over the February half term; a sponsored walk. As part of the Year 7 transition, students organise fundraising for a charitable cause which will be nominated and voted for by the students by the end of the year, focusing on local foundations where possible. In previous years, individual tutor groups have had great success in fundraising through a sponsored walk, we are now increasing participation with the entire year group. So that you can support your child, the following explains how to take part in this individual activity (this is not a group event).

1. Students will need a way to track their steps (there are lots of free step trackers available to download), these steps can be an accumulation of the steps they take participating in day-to-day life e.g. tidying their bedrooms (wishful thinking perhaps?), or organised walks focusing on a step goal. Students are then encouraged to gather sponsors from friends, family, neighbour's etcetera, collecting and tracking this money on a sponsorship form which they will be given in school (a copy will also be uploaded onto their home study in case of misplacement)
2. After the half term, students will bring in their money raised with their tracked total amount of steps, ideally with screenshot or photo evidence of them completing these steps or their route; these photos can be emailed into their tutors or brought in on a memory stick. Deadline for handing in money and their form is the first Friday back (23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024).

There will be prizes for students who: a) walk the furthest, b) raise the most, c) tutor groups who walk the furthest, and d) tutor groups who raise the most money.

We will accumulate the total amount of steps taken by the Year 7 team and translate this into how far they walked around the world to show them that teamwork can take you the distance!

This is an optional participation and money is not required to be involved, we hope that we have your support in this and that the weather is not too wet for the hikes your children may be taking you on!

We would like to thank you for your support in this cause.

Kind Regards

Year 7 Team