

02 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Christmas Jumper Day & Foodbank Appeal**

On Tuesday 14 December 2021 the Sixth Form are inviting all Rooks Heath students to take part in **Save the Children's** Christmas Jumper Day. In order to raise as much money as possible for this excellent cause, and to reward all students for their efforts during this term, we have decided to expand the dress code and host a festive 'Mufti' Day.

The whole school is invited to take part, with all students and staff getting the chance to show the world their silly side by wearing their favourite festive knits for the day. With regard to the rest of their 'Mufti' outfit, we encourage everyone to wear festive colours, such as red, green and anything sparkly. Please note that all outfits must meet our expectation for non-uniform days as outlined in the Link Book (P27 Upper School & P24 Lower School).

**We are asking everyone to make a £1 donation to help save children's lives around the world.**

The event is being combined with the Year 7 disco so students who have already paid for the disco, do not need to pay again.

The money they raise will contribute to Save the Children's vision to give the world's forgotten children a brighter future. It could help bring essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on the most basic support.

You will not need to buy new jumpers to join in the fun – you can simply decorate an old one to create your own crafty masterpiece! If you would like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, simply head to [www.christmasjumperday.org](http://www.christmasjumperday.org).

In addition, we would like to support a charity closer to home in the run up to the Christmas holiday, and so we have decided to have a collection for the **Harrow Foodbank**. Food banks work within the local community to tackle food hunger and poverty, collecting and distributing food and other essentials for those in the local community who need them. Therefore, next week we would encourage all students to bring in one item to contribute to this excellent cause. Please note food items need to be sealed and in date, and pasta is not required as they have an excess of this.

Items particularly required by the foodbank at the moment are:

- Tinned Hot Dogs
  - Tinned Fish (Not Tuna)
  - Tinned Meatballs
  - Stock Cubes/Stock Pots
  - Packet Meat Soup (Cup-A-Soup)
  - Long-Life Full-Fat Milk
  - Adult Toothpaste
  - Adult Toothbrushes
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They Do Not Need:

- Baked Beans
  - Tinned Soup
  - Cereal
  - Dry Pasta/Dry Spaghetti
  - Oats/Porridge
  - Biscuits
  - Tuna
  - Rice
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Please could students bring their items to school by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. The main collection point will be in reception. Students will be given the opportunity to bring items to reception during tutor time. We will then deliver our collection to the Foodbank on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December to ensure that the donations can be distributed before Christmas.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs J. Haddow**  
Deputy Headteacher