

15th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This year we will once again be holding our annual fundraising event Smile Week, in the w/c **28th November 2022**.

As a school, we have been raising money for the Smile Malawi charity since 2006. It provides home and education to orphaned children in Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world. All of the money we raise goes directly to helping these children and young people. The money we have raised has also been able to pay for the life-saving heart transplant of a young boy at the orphanage. By choosing to support this charity, our school is able to make a direct impact on the lives of under-privileged children.

Smile Week wrist-bands will be available to purchase on sQuid for £2 and available to collect from form tutors the week before Smile Week (21st November). This allows students in years 9-11 to enjoy a non-school uniform day on Friday 2nd December, as well as giving half price access to all events in Smile Week. In addition, the sixth form will be dressing in fancy dress throughout the week and should also purchase a wrist-band for this week.

The Sixth Form Senior Student Team has organised a week full of exciting events and fundraisers, running through the whole w/c 28th November. This includes a fashion show, teacher football and many other activities alongside our annual Vandyke's Got Talent show. The Vandyke's Got Talent show is open to all, with tickets available for purchase on sQuid for £3, or £1.50 for anyone with a Smile Week wristband, and will be held in the theatre at **6pm on Wednesday 30th November**. Other events will be running at lunch and break times for specific year groups. Details for these have been circulated in assemblies and on posters around the school. Tickets for these events are available from Wednesday 23rd November.

Many thanks.

Léa Courtois on behalf of the Sixth Form Senior Student Team

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