

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This year we will once again be holding our annual fundraising event **Smile Week**, from Monday 27th November through to Friday 1st December.

As a school, we have been raising money for the Smile Malawi charity since 2006. It provides a home, family, education and support to orphaned and vulnerable 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. By choosing to support this charity, our school is able to make a direct impact on the lives of underprivileged children.

Smile Week wristbands are now available to purchase on sQuid for £2 and will be handed out by tutors from the 27th. Students in years 9-11 who have purchased a wristband will be able to participate in the **non-uniform day on Friday 1st December**. Students in the Sixth Form will also need to purchase a wristband and will be dressing up in different themed costumes throughout the week.

In order to raise as much money as possible, the Sixth Form Senior Student Team has organised a week full of exciting events and activities. There will be tickets on sale for a number of lunchtime events including Teacher Taskmaster, Wicked Villain Fashion Runway, Vandyke Drag Race, Teacher Lip Sync Battle and the Staff Dance! Throughout the week there will also be Krispy Kreme doughnuts and sweets on sale, bake sales, raffles, sponge the teacher and a kick-up challenge, to name just a few. **Please** could students bring some **cash** into school with them throughout this week so that they can purchase event tickets and treats.

The Senior Student Team will also be running the annual **Vandyke's Got Talent** show, which will take place on **Tuesday 28th November at 5pm in the Theatre**. The show is open to anyone – family, friends, students and staff – tickets are now available to purchase on sQuid for £3, or can be purchased in cash on the door.

Any extra donations to the charity will be very gratefully received, and can be made on sQuid, by cash, or by cheque made out to Vandyke Upper School, with 'Smile Malawi' on the reverse. Donations can also be made via our **Just Giving page** – go to the website at www.justgiving.com and search for 'Vandyke Smile Malawi'. If you would like to find out a bit more about the Smile Malawi charity, you can find them on **Facebook** – www.facebook.com, search for 'Smile Malawi' and go to their page.

We hope you are as excited as we are to raise money for this incredible cause!

Many thanks,

The Senior Student Team
Vandyke Sixth Form

Make sure to follow us on Instagram – **@vandykesixthform**

Any questions? Please email Rachel Roberts, Assistant 6F Manager at robertsr@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk