

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about a special fundraising day which will take place in school on **Friday 23rd May**. This event is an opportunity for our school community to come together to raise awareness and show our support for one of our students that is currently dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Students and staff will have the option to wear **non-uniform**, and we ask those that choose to do so to make a voluntary contribution of **£1** on the day.

A polite reminder that all students must attend school wearing appropriate clothing, please no vest tops, flip flops or Crocs. The final decision on the suitability of student clothing is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team. Contact with parents and carers will be made if a student is deemed to be wearing inappropriate dress.

We have been in consultation with the student's family and together we have chosen to support **Young Lives vs Cancer**. We are pleased that our sister school, Newark Academy, will be joining us in fundraising and will be contributing their summer fundraising to this charity which is so close to our hearts. This is a charity that supports young people and their families and helps them to find the strength to face everything cancer throws at them. If you'd like to know more about the charity please use this link:

<https://www.younglivesvscancer.org.uk/>

Please note that Year 11 are scheduled to take part in the English Language exam on Friday morning at 9am. For this reason, **Year 11 are expected to attend in full school uniform as set out in our formal exam regulations**. As previously communicated, Year 11 are welcome to bring a change of clothes into school for after their exam. Alternatively, Year 11 are allowed to leave school at 12.10pm and return in their own clothes.

On Friday, there will be several cake / bake sales at break and lunchtime along with other fundraising activities. The "main event" will be a Year 10 v 11 football match in the afternoon as requested by the students themselves. Students will be able to watch part of the game during their lunchtime. Due to safeguarding protocols, we will not be able to allow parents/carers onsite for this match but we will share some of the images on our school Instagram page [@thesuthersschool](https://www.instagram.com/thesuthersschool).

We warmly invite all students to bring a **small amount of money** to participate in the fundraising activities. Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference. If parents/carers are willing to donate cakes to be sold on the day, please bring them into reception on Friday morning. Again, any contributions will be very much appreciated.

All proceeds from the above events will be sent directly to our chosen charity. We have set a rather ambitious target of **£1000**. It would be incredible if we are able to get as close to that figure as possible!

Thank you for your continued support and kindness. If you have any questions or would like to contribute in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

James Griffiths
Deputy Head Teacher

