



15 November 2019

To Parents and Carers of students in Years 7-13

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Non-Uniform Day, Friday 22 November 2019

As decided by the Student Council, the next non-uniform day will be supporting The Brain Tumour Charity and will take place on Friday 22 November 2019.

Neil and Angela founded the Samantha Dickson Research Trust in 1996 after the tragic loss of their daughter Samantha to a brain tumour at just 16. Andy Foote founded the Joseph Foote Trust in 2001 before losing his son Joseph to a brain tumour in 2007 following a long and gruelling series of treatments. The Brain Tumour Charity have undergone rapid expansion in the past few years, following the merger of the Brain Tumour UK, Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust and the Joseph Foote Trust. Their work is inspired by Samantha and Joseph, and every person who has been affected.

Whilst survival has doubled across all cancers, survival rates for those with brain tumours have improved little in over 40 years. In fact, at just 11%, they are one of the poorest of all cancers. Treatments have not changed in 40 years and brain tumours still remain the biggest cancer killer of children. Yet, despite these facts, less than 3% of the hundreds of millions invested in national cancer research funding in the UK every year is spent on brain tumours. As the world's leading brain tumour charity, they are now uniquely positioned to catalyse a change and are determined to defeat brain tumours with their strategy to double survival rates by 2025.

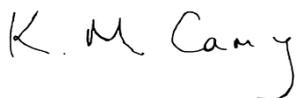
Further details can be found on <http://www.thebraintumourcharity.org>

We will be asking students to pay £1 for the privilege of not wearing uniform on this day and I must stress that this is a voluntary donation. I would be grateful if all monies could be handed to form tutors on Thursday 21 November.

Although this is a non-uniform day, we would ask for your support in ensuring that students wear suitable clothing for the school environment.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Yours sincerely



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