



Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

School Fundraising; Enrichment Clubs and Active Learning Week Trips

We have a number of exciting opportunities and events going on at Kingswinford, so I thought we would bundle them together in one communication rather than a series of different letters.

First, **school fundraising**: the school Hall has been the location of many magical memories for our students. We have hosted Talent shows, Music showcases, Drama performances, Quiz nights and Halloween discos to name a few, but most importantly the annual full school production. The production brings together students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities and gives them an enrichment opportunity that stays with them forever. Our School Hall is badly in need of some renovation and in the current financial climate this seems like an impossible task. Our Performing Arts team and students involved in the upcoming production, 'School of Rock', are determined to raise the funds needed to replace outdated lighting; improve the Hall acoustics and redecorate the Hall throughout to create a performance space for all to be proud of. The first of their fundraising efforts will be a non-uniform day themed around the upcoming production. Staff and students are able to come to the school dressed in a School of Rock theme for a donation of £1, or in standard non-uniform for a donation of £2. Of course, students and staff may opt out and attend school in their normal uniform or dress code.

In every other respect, the business of the school needs to continue as normal and we feel this is best achieved if students are dressed in practical and comfortable clothes. As a guideline, we would suggest that 'standard' clothing should be of the type they would wear maybe to go shopping, to the cinema or for a day out with the family. 'School of Rock' outfits can be anything that fits in with the School of Rock/Rock bands theme. (Ideas are pictured below) Under no circumstances should students wear outfits that are immodest or revealing in any way and must be age range suitable. Neither skin nor hair should be dyed. Form Tutors will be explaining the above requirements to their students in more detail next week; thus giving students the opportunity to ask questions if they are unsure about what is expected.

Through this, and other challenges and events, we hope to raise enough to create a hall to be truly proud of.

Second, our **Enrichment Programme**. We have been changing our approach to organising this with staff and now have a programme ready for students (many of these clubs are already running and have been for some time) but we wanted to share the opportunities with you so that you might encourage your son or daughter to take part. I am keen that all students develop wider interests than just in academic subjects and we will be growing this programme term by term. Please expect regular updates as we add more opportunities to the programme. Please find enclosed our enrichment clubs leaflet.

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Finally, this year we will be having an **Active Learning Week** at the end of the year and want to arrange a number of residential trips, both in Britain and abroad. Mr Wilkes has prepared a small leaflet for you to gather interest in these trips so that we can confirm them with tour operators and make the necessary preparations. I am keen that students get the opportunity to travel with the school and hope that you will consider these trips with interest: it is a fantastic way to have an educational experience; build relationships with staff; and finish up a year of education!

Yours faithfully,

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

‘School of Rock’ Examples

