

Our Ref: 148 14

14<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Voluntary Work**

As part of your son/daughter's sixth form experience, they are encouraged to be involved in our Voluntary Work Scheme. It is becoming increasingly difficult to gain entry into University and the world of work therefore we feel it is important that your son/daughter understands the importance of Voluntary Work in giving them an advantage over other applicants.

Voluntary work will look very appealing on their CV and personal statement, it will help him/her to stand out from the crowd at interviews and also may help him/her have a better understanding of what he/she would like to do as a profession when he/she is older.

This year, we are able to help The Whitechapel Centre, the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region, with a commitment to helping people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living. An opportunity has arisen to be part of a volunteer group taking part in the Liverpool Sleepout on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. This is nothing like sleeping rough but it will give your son/daughter an insight into homelessness and the issues faced.

They will be accompanied by me and another member of staff; we will be sleeping outside in the grounds of Liverpool Parish Church (St Nick's, on the Strand) between 7.00pm and 7.00am. We will be in a completely safe area, with stewards and access to toilets and refreshments. There will be entertainment during the evening and even a few prizes for:

**The "Best Onesie"** - be stylish, keep warm and win a prize!

**The "Best Shelter"** - put your construction skills to the test. What can you build out of cardboard, tape and plastic sheeting? And will it keep you warm and dry?

**Best Individual Fundraiser** - for highest amount of sponsorship received by 15th November 2014

**Best Team Fundraiser** - for highest team sponsorship received by 15th November 2014

We will be meeting at Liverpool Parish Church at 6.45pm and students will make their own way home at 7.00am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish for your son/daughter to take part in this activity please sign and return the slip below to Mrs Crone on or before **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014**.

If you have any questions about the voluntary work programme please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs W Crone**  
**Volunteer Co-Ordinator and Teacher of Religious Studies**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I allow/do not allow my son/daughter to attend the Liverpool Sleepout on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014..

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_