

Wednesday 29th March 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

### **Parental Update 116**

Welcome to an extraordinary edition of our newsletter for parents.

I am sure many of us will have been shocked by the significant earthquake that affected parts of Turkey and Syria last month.

Some of our students have asked me if we can fund-raise to support the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC's) appeal for relief for those affected ([Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal 2023 | Donate Now | DEC](#)). The DEC is a coalition of 15 leading UK Aid charities, and they often work together to respond to major tragedies such as last month's earthquake.

I am keen to support their request. We have therefore decided that **students may wear one item of red clothing on Friday 31st March** – red being chosen because it is a colour common to the flags of both Turkey and Syria. Liverpool fans, for example, may choose to wear a replica top instead of their normal school shirt and tie (although they would still need to wear a blazer). Other students may wish to wear red socks, or even red trousers or red shoes/trainers. However, students may only wear **one** red item – otherwise all normal uniform rules still apply.

In return for this partial relaxation of our uniform code, we will be asking students to donate 50p or whatever they can afford towards the DEC appeal.

Sixth Form students will additionally be given the option of donating an equal amount to the Sixth Form Prom fund if they wish to do so.

I hope that your family will be able to support this fund-raising opportunity as we show solidarity with those in the Muslim world during their holy month of Ramadan.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Brierley', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Stephen Brierley

Principal.