

19 June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Non-Uniform Day - Friday 5 July**

On Friday 5 July Maiden Erlegh School will be holding a non-uniform day with donations going towards our New Futures initiative and to Alzheimer's Society.

Two thirds of the donations will be going towards the New Futures initiative. This unites six of our students with twelve Year 12 Sixth Form students from Charters and Emmbrook schools in the challenge to take eighteen students from Addington School to Tirabad. Addington School is a special needs school and the eighteen students that we will accompany to Tirabad have a wide range of learning needs and associated sensory, motor and/or behaviour difficulties. Many of these students require one to one support which would usually prohibit these students from taking part in such a trip. This trip's huge educational value is sadly matched by its expense and so it is only possible to achieve this through charitable fundraising events.

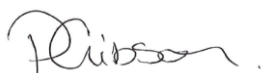
Mr Neale (Inclusion Team) will be cycling from London to Paris to raise money for Alzheimer's Society. One third of your child's donation will also be going towards supporting this cause. Alzheimer's Society's main aim is to transform the landscape of dementia forever by creating a society where those affected by dementia are supported, accepted and are able to live in the community without fear of prejudice until the day where a cure is found. Every three minutes someone in the UK develops dementia. In supporting Alzheimer's Society the money being donated is being both invested into the latest research into finding the cause and potential cure or prevention of dementia as well as being used to support and improve the lives of those that are currently living with dementia, but most importantly trying to change the perception of dementia and get people to understand that it is not a disease that just affects the elderly as over 40,000 people under the age of 65 in the UK suffer from early-onset dementia.

There will be no compulsion to take part in this non-uniform day and students will be able to wear their school uniform if they wish. However, if they choose non-uniform they will be expected to donate £1 - £2 during tutor time on Friday 5 July.

Students are expected to dress neatly. Clothes should be clean, without rips or tears and free from offensive slogans. Students are not permitted to use coloured hairspray or face paints, or bring them to school. Normal behaviour expectations will apply. Anyone who is inappropriately dressed will be asked to see their Head of Year.

We hope that all students will participate in fundraising for these very worthy causes.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher