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Dear Parent/Guardian

New Futures Initiative

Can you help Dr Dearman and Mr Pringle raise money for New Futures?

The New Futures initiative 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, which for many will be their first experience of being away from home. The trip is intended to help the Addington students to learn how to be more independent, such as, preparing for the day, getting dressed by themselves, washing dishes, making their own bed, etc. The students also learn how to be more resilient during each day's challenging physical activities, while receiving the needed support from our sixth form students.

This trip's huge educational value is sadly matched by its expense and so it is only possible to achieve this through charitable fundraising. Our sixth formers will be raising awareness of what New Futures is and will be trying to raise funds by holding events in school and the local community. The school is helping to support this by sharing the proceeds from a forthcoming non-uniform day that students can donate to if they wish to participate.

This is a hugely beneficial trip for the students involved and I know that it will also be a rewarding one for our sixth form students. If you would like to donate to this initiative please do so through the links below. If you need any further incentive to donate, Dr Dearman has even pledged to shave his beard if we get close to the target!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mesnewfutures2020?utm_id=2&utm_term=bEXkYmY8E

Mr Pringle will also be running the Reading Half Marathon in April dressed in an inflatable dinosaur costume. A link to his Just Giving page can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/newfutures>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson
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