4th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 9 Don’t forget your toothbrush…**

As detailed in our previous letter, we are delighted to welcome to Haygrove School in October, the Kenyan Choir from the Educate the Kids charity. The students have raised a fantastic £550 to donate to the school with their fundraising efforts in the summer term.

**Year 9 Charity Challenge**

As an additional challenge, we would like to invite all Year 9 students to take part in an Inter Tutor Group charity initiative. Last year, one of the students from the choir was asked what he would like to bring home for his brother. His response? A toothbrush. What are very small items to most of us can make a huge difference to the choir children and their families!

Each tutor group will be challenged to bring in items which could make up small wash bags for the students visiting. Each tutor group has been allocated an item to donate, but they can bring in items from a variety of categories if they wish.

- 9CMW - A TOOTHBRUSH
- 9JWO - A FLANNEL
- 9BH - A BAR OF SOAP (NO LIQUIDS PLEASE)
- 9SS - TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE
- 9LRO - A COMB
- 9HK - A HAIR BRUSH
- 9ALH - A SMALL WASH BAG

The beneficiaries will be students from Jolaurabi School representing the charity Educate the Kids, Kenya.

All students participating will receive e-praise points and all items must be handed in to tutors by Friday 27th September.

**About Educate the Kids**

Educate the Kids was founded in 1998 after a visit to Kenya and initially a few children were sponsored through an existing primary school. A derelict building was then converted into their first school admitting 120 children. As numbers grew to 350 children, there was a need for facilities – new schools, water, electricity, and computers. A big push on fundraising built the first phase of a new primary school. A well was dug providing fresh water for the children and villagers surrounding the school.
Since then another three school blocks have been built to house the 551 pupils currently studying at Jolaurabi. In 2006 the group called the ‘Singing Children of Africa’ brought 26 children and 6 teachers to the UK for a 12 week tour. The money raised on this tour built the orphanage which is situated beside the school. The children who live in the orphanage have all had a hard start in life and our money will help to provide them with the education they need to make a positive start in life.

The choir will be visiting Haygrove for the fourth year running and a concert is planned in school for years 7-10 on Tuesday 1st October. Please check their Facebook page for opportunities to see an evening concert so that you can join us and meet the inspirational youngsters who will represent their school and orphanage.

Thanking you in advance for your support and I hope this provides a meaningful project for all our Year 9 students this term!

Yours sincerely

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