

Charity Fundraising at The Marches 2016 2017

A term of debate has been concluded with all tutor groups feeding their views to House Rewards Ambassadors, these have then met and leaders from each house have met as a group to summarise the views of students in each house.

In addition, a group of students from each house also met with a parent with strong views about charitable giving.

The Debate

- Currently we have 5 non uniform days a year – students are expected to pay £1 each time
- Half goes to rewards – all invested back into the rewards system. This year this has funded the M fest with tickets at £1, the true cost was closer to £5 a head – The inflatables alone cost £900
- In the summer all prizes and events are supplemented from this fund.
- The contributions do not fund everything - In addition the school funds all Headteacher lunches, postcards, certificates, star awards, governors awards evening, Presentation evening as well as boosting the amount from non uniform day contributions for the big July rewards.
- A “school fund” contribution from parents and carers is a standard practice in many schools with many asking for a one off contribution at the start of the year of say £10.
- Half of the non uniform money goes to the charity of choice for the house – each tutor group has a Rewards and Charities Ambassador – they should be debating with you the different ideas for which charity your house will support. Your ambassador will then meet your house leader to agree which charity or charities to support.

Students were asked if they wished for non uniform days to continue or wished to raise money in different ways

Students were asked if they felt there was enough choice in the charities supported and if they felt involved in how charities were chosen.

Students were asked that, if non uniform days continued, what the agreement should be for paying for the day.

Summary from Meeting with a Parent

Students were asked to consider the validity of the charities they choose and to make checks against how they use their funds.

The Parent's view was that the charge should not be compulsory and without consequence if student's did not pay.

A wider choice was welcomed and the students understood why all members of their house needed to be part of the debate and conversation

It was also agreed that the charities should be shared with the parents who pay the money and the students felt that they could produce a flyer to be sent to parents through the email system.

Hargreaves House

Wished non uniform days to continue and for all students to pay the pound.

Better publicity of the charity chosen

Bonington House

There is a need to know more about the charity to associate with it.

Would like rewards points able to be cashed in if people do not want to pay a pound

Payment not to be optional

Whittaker House

Agreed that non uniform days are wanted and that choice should not be part of the system

The stated that you may have paid a pound and chosen to come in uniform, it should not be assumed you had not paid.

Stephens House

Would like a mix of charities and voting for them by the house

Like the Waitrose system

House to pick the charities but the whole school in the ratio

Mallory House

Agreed with the previous points but would also like to move away from just local charities – for example Evie's dream benefited a single person

Additional Points

The students would like to be more aware of who has each half term for charities

All tutors need to show daily notices

Y11 leadership are thinking about a half termly podcast of what is coming up.

System for Charity giving 2016 2017

All tutor groups must have a Rewards and Charities Ambassador; these must attend their house meetings as required.

Each house takes responsibility for a half term for charity activities; each contains a non uniform day.

The house will choose to carry out any charity activities in their half term; this may include use of their time locally with the community or producing needed items rather than raising money

A box file will be housed in the LRC with all letters and adverts from charities received by Mrs Pearson through the year – to allow the ambassadors to access this.

For the non uniform day the house will choose three charities to suggest to the rest of the school.

All tutor groups in the house should be involved in suggestions before a final selection of three by the Rewards and Charities Ambassadors.

All suggestions must come with the following background research completed by any tutor group putting forward a suggestion:

- Name of charity
- Check of charity against its charity number on the charity commission website - <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>
- The information they find there should be summarised
- The role of the charity, its aims and who benefits
- What the charity will do with the funds raised

The chosen charities with the reasons and details will be shared via a letter or flyer to parents written by the ambassadors and checked by the house leader before being passed to the Deputy Headteacher for approval.

Choices will also be shared via daily notices and assemblies as well as in the staff briefing.

The house ambassadors will decide how it will engage all students in the school to decide how non uniform money will be shared amongst the three charities. The share should reflect the different views of each student.

It is envisaged that different creative methods will be tried, to lead to an informed review at the end of the year.

Payment for non uniform days

Payment will be asked for in the usual way.

Where a parent does not wish for a student to contribute, this will not be pursued by Pastoral staff.

It is expected that all students contribute, with the suggested contribution being £1.

As is current practice. Half of all contributions up to £1 will be used to the student's benefit to fund the rewards events.

Students contributing more than £1 will have ALL this additional element of their contribution sent to the charities chosen.

House Leaders should report to finance the sum to be paid to each charity and to the rewards fund on this basis.

Rota of half terms and non-uniform dates for 2016/17

Friday 30th September – Mallory (SPS)

Friday 18th November – Stephens (SM)

Friday 10th February – Bonington (MEK)

Friday 17th March – Whittaker (CGD)

Fri 19th May – Hargreaves (VF)