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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great excitement that we write to inform you of this year's Brave the Shave! I'm sure you can remember last year's Head Boy Jacob Thompson (and others) raising funds and braving the shave in support of Cancer Research UK. To keep this tradition alive, Jasmine and I are following in his footsteps joined by Sixth Formers and staff – some donating hair and some going for the full shave. I am shaving it all off whilst Jasmine is donating 7 inches to the Little Princess Trust to be made into wigs for current cancer fighters.

We're hosting this event on Friday 2 February 2024, just 2 days before World Cancer Day. It will be held during lunchtime in the Sports Hall and is completely free for the students to come, watch and cheer on our brave volunteers, however there will be collection points available for those who do want to make a donation on the day. We're hoping to hold some educational events during tutor time that week, preceding the event, regarding the current cancer statistics and how we can all maintain good health.

Last year we managed to raise just over £2,000! This year we're hoping to push beyond and beat that record. However, we are completely aware of the current struggles we are all facing during the cost-of-living crisis, and we understand this is an issue that affects everyone. Please don't feel obliged to donate if you cannot; this event, at its core, is about raising awareness and keeping our students at MRC up to date on how to reduce their risk of developing cancers, as well as educating them on the many supporting organisations out there. If you feel you can donate, Our Just Giving page is live at https://www.justgiving.com/page/harvey-datchler-1701513579292 or through the QR code.

We would also like to take this time to thank all of you who have already donated and shown their support. There will be lots of photos going up on our website and our social media, so keep an eye out for more updates!

Kind regards

Jasmine and Harvey Head Girl and Head Boy

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