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Our ref: CS/SB/House Charity Week

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Dear Parent/Carer,

House Charity Week – Week Commencing 8th December

We are excited to launch our new annual House Charity Week, an inspiring *idea-to-action* project developed by our dedicated Prefects and Pastoral Team. This year's challenge is to collectively cover the 394 miles that link our four houses - Durham, York, Warwick, and Exeter - all in support of their chosen charities.

Also, Matrix Academy Trust's nominated charity for this academic year PAPRYUS, **PAPYRUS UK is a charity for the prevention of young suicide** (under 35) in the UK.

Throughout the week, our fantastic Year 10 and Year 11 Prefects will be running a high-energy charity event on the stage in the school hall. Every day from 9:00am to 3:30pm, staff and students will be working together to complete the mileage using:

- 4 static bikes
- 1 treadmill
- 1 rowing machine

Everyone is encouraged to get involved - whether by taking a turn on the equipment, cheering from the audience, or supporting our participants with donations. Families can sponsor our staff and students via ParentPay or bring cash donations during breaktime while watching and encouraging the challengers.

Each house will be raising money for its chosen charity, alongside a contribution of money raised to **PAPYRUS**:

- **Durham:** *Help Harry Help Others*
- **York:** *St Basils*
- **Warwick:** *NICE – Centre for Movement Disorders*
- **Exeter:** *Love Brum*

Not only will we be raising funds for four incredible causes, but we'll also be adding a friendly competitive twist - houses will be scored on both mileage completed, and money raised. To boost our total distance, students will also be contributing through PE lessons, where we'll be running a festive relay - *Santa hats encouraged!* In addition, students who walk or cycle to school can submit evidence of their mileage each morning during form time.

Students who want to participate on stage throughout the week can put their name forward with their form tutor to be added to the rota.

Let's unite as a school community, show our house pride, and make a real difference together!

ParentPay link will open on **Monday 1st December**, and remain open for 2 weeks. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and help 5 great causes!

Yours sincerely,

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