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Dear Parent/Carer

This year students at Ark William Parker will be supporting three charities this year. Each house has chosen a charity to support that will benefit from the hard work and inventive ways in which the students plan to raise funds. At Ark William Parker we feel that students should think of others as well as themselves. We believe that students need to develop a sense of social awareness, this focusing on the local community as well as National and International issues and needs. The charities chosen represent what is felt to be important to our students either because of personal circumstances or links to children and families further afield.

Fundraising is essential to so many charities. Without regular donations, they simply wouldn't be able to function and carry out the good work that they do. People fundraise for all kinds of reasons - perhaps because they have been personally affected themselves by the good work that a particular charity does, or simply because they want to give something back.

This year **Parker House** will be fundraising for the local charity Demelza Hospice. The Demelza Hospice care for children providing care and support for seriously ill children, young people and their families across East Sussex and Kent.

**Saunders House** will be fundraising for the National charity MacMillan Trust. Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer.

**Saxon House** will be fundraising for the International charity UNICEF. The United Nations Children's Fund is a United Nations programme headquartered in New York City that provides humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries.

Next week we begin the first of a number of focused days. On Friday students will during their tutor period have opportunities to run small activities or fund raising events to support their charity, some may want to continue this during their lunch break. Form tutors will be discussing the activities with their tutees this week.

Students will need to bring some small change into school on the Friday so that they can join in the activities and contribute in some way donating to charity will show them you care about others and want to make the world a better place. By being involved we will instill a desire to share and serve that will last throughout their lives.

Donating a little bit of money or time may not seem like much. But if your donation is joined with others, it becomes something much bigger. We plan to make the raising of money competitive between houses. Any donation really will make a big difference.

Please support your son and his house charity by ensuring that he brings some change to school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Progress in raising funds will be published on our academy website. Individual fund raising will be applauded when contributing to their houses.

If you have any questions or would like to support your son please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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