

## Year 8 Parent Notes

During assembly this week, students were informed about the launch of the annual 'Christmas Shoebox Appeal'. Each year we ask students to take time to empty any shoe boxes they may have, wrap in Christmas paper and fill them with items that they could send as a gift to a child in an orphanage/refugee camp in Eastern Europe who would otherwise have nothing for Christmas.

Please encourage your son/daughter to take part in this appeal, as each shoebox filled can have such an impact on another young person's life at Christmas. If your child is filling a shoebox for this appeal, please check that the contents are suitable for the chosen gender and age range i.e. no war items, chocolate, liquids, glass objects or mirrors. Once they have filled their shoebox, please ask them to deliver it to their tutor who will ensure these are stored appropriately.

For more information about this please see:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

We are pleased to say that **SHOW**time is up and running. Students who would like help with homework are welcome to come to F29 from 3.20pm-4.20pm on a Tuesday and/or a Thursday after school.

We are constantly monitoring homework completion and the next wave of students will be invited to attend straight after half term. Over half term, in addition to relaxing and recharging their batteries, we would ask that you take this opportunity to re-stock your son/daughter's pencil cases so that they are always properly equipped for lessons.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask if you could continue to encourage your son/daughter to seek their sponsorship money for the sponsored walk. Money should be handed in to the Finance Office no later than Monday 30 October.

We hope that you have a good half term.

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