

## Westbourne Academy

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WESTBOURNE  
ACADEMY

Principal - Mr Garry Trott

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Dear Parents and Students

### **Year 7 Santa Dash – Wednesday 19 December 2018 (Lesson 5 at 1.50pm)**

All students in Year 7 are invited to take part in a Santa Dash on the sports field during lesson 5 on Wednesday 19 December to raise funds for ex-student, Koren Harper, who is training as a paediatric nurse. Koren, who left the academy in 2014, came into assembly to talk to Year 7 students before half term; she explained about the extensive nursing training she is undertaking at university and how part of this includes working in the Philippines for a month in February 2019.

Any funds raised from the Santa Dash will be used to equip Koren with essential protective clothing such as gloves and masks to keep her and her young patients safe from cross-infection. In the UK, items such as these are given to nurses for free by the NHS but this not the case in the Philippines.

Koren has set up a **Go Fund Me** page for each of our four Houses with a £50 goal so that an element of competition exists between the students to see which House can raise the most. Please click on the relevant link below to make a minimum £2 donation. Alternatively, your child can bring in £2 in cash to give to me in school or to Miss Green at the Finance Office window before school. If your child would like to increase their donation by seeking additional sponsorship from friends and family, please feel free to do so. All contributions, large or small, would be welcomed by Koren.

**Ramsey:** <https://www.gofundme.com/philippines-placement-ramsey>

**Churchill:** <https://www.gofundme.com/philippines-placement-churchill>

**Ennis:** <https://www.gofundme.com/philippines-placement-ennis>

**Nightingale:** <https://www.gofundme.com/philippines-placement-nightingale>

Students who are taking part in the Santa Dash itself will need to change into their PE trainers and tracksuit bottoms/shorts at lunchtime; the PE changing rooms will be open for this purpose. They can dress up in Santa/Elf hats, wrap themselves in tinsel or similar (please do not go to extra expense by buying special outfits as this defeats the object of raising funds for this cause).

Bags and coats will need to be brought to the main hall at 1.50pm and students will need to sit with their lesson 5 class and teacher for registration purposes. We envisage that it will take us around 20 – 30 minutes to run a two mile circuit around the field. Any students who are not taking part in the Santa Dash itself will cheer on their peers as they run around the field. Afterwards, we will assemble in the main hall at approximately 2.30pm to hand out certificates and students will be dismissed in their PE kits at the end of the day at 2.50pm.



The aim of this fundraising activity is for our Year 7 students to have some fun together, whilst at the same time realising they can make a difference to the lives and safety of young people elsewhere in the world. This ties in with our new academy STAR ethos (Safe Thoughtful Accountable Respectful).



On behalf of Koren, we would like to thank you in anticipation of your support. We will be following Koren over the next few months to keep up to date with the sum raised and to hear more about her training placement in the Philippines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RH", written in a cursive style.

Richard Hawkes  
Assistant Principal