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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Charity Mufti Day

We will be having a non-school uniform day on Thursday the 20th of May to raise funds for a pancreatic cancer charity, along with raising some additional funds for the Sixth Form.

The reason behind the choice of raising money for Pancreatic Cancer is it is in the top 10 most common cancers in the UK and ranks higher than some of the most well-known cancers when it comes to mortality rates. It has had a direct and significant impact on a member of our school community. Out of the 21 most common cancers in the UK, 12 have a 10-year survival rate of 50% or more whereas when it comes to Pancreatic cancer and the 10-year survival rate is just 1%, this is due to the fact that pancreatic cancer remains difficult to diagnose and treat. What people do not understand is pancreatic cancer is not a rare cancer – one person dies every hour from the disease.

Across the UK around 8,800 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year and out of those 8,800, 8,700 will die. Pancreatic Cancer currently receives 1% of Cancers Research spending so by holding a mufti day as well as a raffle next week we will help pancreatic cancer patients across the country live another day by raising money directly for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Like everyone, pancreatic cancer patients have felt the effects of the pandemic. During the first wave, the wait for some pancreatic cancer treatments increased by up to 2 months, but half the people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within the first 3 months and cannot afford to wait.

We are not setting an amount on donations, and suggest that this is a donation of £2. If you can donate more, this is welcome, however please do not feel pressure to donate more than the pound usually. We appreciate it can be a difficult time at the moment. Money will be collected in cash, in tutor groups, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

We hope you will be able to help us support this very worthy cause.

Yours faithfully,

Erin Talbot, Katie Carthew & Charlotte Wetherstone  
**Senior Students**

