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Principal Mrs A O'Donnell

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Wear Blue for Greg: Non uniform day

You may have recently read in the press about a young man who contracted meningococcal sepsis. As a member of the Leigh Academies Trust, we are keen to support this good cause and I hope that students will join us for a non-uniform event on Friday 13th July. I have attached some further information about Greg and his link to the Leigh Academies Trust. This is truly an example of charity beginning at home.

To raise funds to support Greg, we will be asking for a £1 contribution from students to wear their own clothes. It would be great to see everyone dressed in blue in support of this great Trust wide event. Students should bring their £1 in on Thursday or Friday. We will announce the grand total via social media.

I hope you will support this good cause.

Kind regards,

Alex O'Donnell

Principal

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Friday 13th July is Non School Uniform day

This event is to support Greg Keating, a Teacher of ICT at Mascalls Academy who earlier this year contracted meningococcal sepsis and Neisseria meningitis. Doctors feared for his life as the sepsis caused total organ failure along with necrosis of the legs and fingers, resulting in him being placed in a coma for 6 weeks.

Remarkably and against the odds Greg pulled through but tragically because of the infection he lost both of his legs and the fingers on both of his hands during his recovery.

Over the last few months Greg has shown remarkable strength and courage to get back to as normal a life as possible. He is a truly inspiring individual who is currently undergoing significant rehabilitation to allow him to return to the classroom at some point in the next 6-8 months.

Greg believes that every child deserves an education and despite his disabilities wants to return to teaching to inspire and encourage the younger generation and provide them with the IT skills required for this technical age and to show them despite however many times you are knocked down, pick yourself up and keep going.

To help Greg we are holding a non-uniform day this July to raise money. Greg is a Gillingham FC fan. All pupils and staff across LAT are invited to wear Gillingham and Mascalls blue for Greg to raise funds. This will be used to purchase better quality prosthetic limbs to help him get around more easily. Greg has already raised over £30,000 through donations from friends, family and the Mascalls Academy community and our target is now to raise the final £20,000 that he needs to get back in the classroom.



So please join us and wear blue for Greg and donate just £1, or more if you can afford it. You can also follow his fundraising efforts and donate directly through Greg's own crowdfunding web page. Details can be found here.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gregsfund2walkagain>

Your donations could make a major difference to the life of one of the most remarkable members of our Trust family.