



From Lower School Senior Tutor: Rebecca Howe

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Dear Parents

### Lower School Christmas Charity Challenge – The Backpack Project

In the last few years it has become tradition for the Lower School boys to take part in a Christmas Charity Challenge. This year we have chosen to focus on the Backpack Project from Mary's Meals and would very much appreciate your support. The project is run by one of the charities that we raised money for on the Sponsored Walk earlier this year and aims to provide some of the world's poorest children with the basic tools for learning.

Many of the children who receive Mary's Meals in Malawi come to school without the correct equipment, such as stationery and a basic P.E. kit. Giving the children a backpack full of these items enables them to get the most out of their education. For the charity challenge we have asked each Mentor/Mentee pair in the first and second year to collect the items to fill a backpack, a list of which can be found by following this link:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project/what-to-pack>

The charity encourages the use of good quality recycled items and so with the exception of a soap bar, toothbrush and toothpaste, second hand items are very much welcomed. We will provide each pair with a backpack to fill and all items should be brought into school on Thursday 6 December to be handed in during joint tutor period. If the boys wish to fill more than one backpack between them that would be happily encouraged, but we would ask that they provide the second backpack to put the items in.

If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to get in touch. Very many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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