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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 Community Action Day - Thursday 3rd December 2026

I am writing to inform you that on Thursday 3rd December, all Year 12 students will be taking part in a Community Action Day, working in partnership with Maidstone Homeless Care.

As part of our Sixth Form provision, we are committed to developing young people who are not only academically successful but also socially responsible, compassionate and actively engaged in their communities. This Community Action Day will provide students with a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the work of a local charity supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and hardship.

What will students be doing?

Year 12 students will be off their normal timetable for the morning and will instead participate in a programme of activities supporting Maidstone Homeless Care. During the day, students will:

- Learn about homelessness, the challenges faced by vulnerable individuals and the work undertaken by Maidstone Homeless Care.
- Welcome the manager of the charity's day centre, who will explain how the charity operates and provide practical guidance on preparing food parcels.
- Collect donations received from our school community during Period 1.
- Sort food, toiletries, warm clothing and other essential items.
- Assemble food parcels in accordance with the charity's guidance, ready for distribution to those who need them.

This will be a practical, student-led initiative, providing opportunities for teamwork, organisation, leadership and community engagement.

Arrangements for the day

All activities will take place on the school site, with students expected to attend school at the normal time. During Period 1, students will collect donations from across the school before participating in a briefing from the manager of Maidstone Homeless Care's Day Centre and working together to sort and assemble food parcels.

The Community Action Day will conclude at lunchtime. Students will then be permitted to leave the school site and will not be required to return for Period 5. Students will not attend their usual timetabled lessons on this date.

Normal school expectations regarding conduct and punctuality will continue to apply.

Supporting the initiative

We have also launched a whole-school donation appeal to support the day. Families are welcome to contribute food, toiletries, warm clothing or reusable shopping bags, although there is absolutely no expectation to donate.

Donations can be brought into school up to and including Thursday 3rd December. Our priority is for every Year 12 student to participate in the experience, regardless of whether their family is able to contribute.

We hope that this day will help students develop a greater understanding of the challenges faced by others and recognise the importance of contributing positively to their wider community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss F Turner
Assistant Head Teacher