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Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to our whole school community today. During the summer holiday this year we lost one of our Year 11 students to cancer. Lola Geere was brave, brilliant and outstanding in so many ways. Since her diagnosis last year she displayed incredible courage, strength and determination. Lola was a highly talented student and a true friend to everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. She is greatly missed by us all.

We would like to celebrate Lola's life and raise some money to help other young people affected by cancer so on **Friday 10th December** we will be holding a charity bake sale and planting a tree in the school grounds in memory of Lola.

I am writing to ask for your support with the bake sale. We would greatly appreciate donations of cakes and other baked goods to sell to our school community at breaktime. If you are able to, we would also encourage you to make a cash donation via School Gateway. All the money raised will go directly to the Teenage Cancer Trust to support young people and their families who are affected by cancer. Bakes will be priced 50p - £1 so students should bring a small amount of cash with them on Friday 10th December to pay for these. Instructions for how to donate a bake can be found on the next page of this letter.

There are, of course, some health and safety considerations around homemade cakes being sold in school:

- **Please do not use any peanuts, nuts or sesame seeds in your bakes.**
- **We cannot guarantee that anything sold on the bake sale does not contain or is not contaminated with any of the 14 food allergens. Therefore any child with an allergy should not buy or eat any of the homemade products. (There will be other items available).**
- **Any cakes purchased from shops should stay in original packaging as they will have the correct allergen labels on them.**

Thank you in advance for your support with this event. We will update the website with photos from the day and a final count of how much money we raise for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Parry
Head of Year 11

How to donate a cake

1. Bake or purchase your chosen product ensuring no peanuts, nuts or sesame seeds are used.
2. Label your bake clearly with a description (eg. lemon cupcakes) and your child's name.
3. During morning tutor time on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December, students should bring their bakes to the kitchen in the drama block.
4. If you bring your bake into school in a container you would like back, please ensure this is labelled clearly with your child's name.