



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Griffin House are concluding their charity week today and, once again, I have been thoroughly impressed with the efforts the House have gone to. If you follow the House and School X account you will have seen that the entire House have been involved with a charity walk, car washing has taken place every day this week and today students and staff are encouraged to take part in some traditional fairground games. All money raised will be donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association and words of encouragement have also been sent in by Sir Kevin Sinfield. The charity was chosen given that he was one of the House heroes chosen in the relaunch that happened in January, a true representation of how we can all give back to our communities. Well done to all the students involved and thanks, in advance, for any donations that have come in from families.

Every House has taken part in a week of charity fundraising this year, embodying our school value of kindness. I will be able to update you next week on the grand total raised this academic year – money which, I know, has been gratefully received by the chosen charities.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

PTA Quiz – 9th May

Our new PTA committee would love it if you could show your support by coming along to the PTA Quiz Night on the 9th May. The quiz will be Food & Drink themed and promises to be lots of fun - there will be a licensed bar also! Entry is £5 per person and teams can be made of up to 6 people - tickets are available to buy here <https://shop.nailseapta.org.uk/>

Exam Season

As mentioned last week, many practical exams have taken place this week. Next week sees the start of the desk based exam season. I know that students have and will continue to put huge amounts of effort into their preparation, supported by families at home and staff in school. Please find below some resources that you may find useful over the coming weeks. If you do have any concerns or worries about your child as they move through the exam season, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)
[Managing Exam Stress: A Parent's Guide to Supporting Emotional Well-being](#)
[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

Envision – donation drive

On the 23rd of May our Year 9 Envision group are holding a donation drive for board games, video games and even old gaming consoles that people may have sitting at home collecting dust! Their goal is to help those less fortunate connect with peers by making gaming & entertainment more accessible. Through donations, they are hoping to set up an after-school club where any students can come along and access games with their friends!

There will be a table set up in reception from 8:20am on 23rd of May where any donations can be dropped off ready for the Envision team to collect.



Shorts

Please see attached information from School Togs.

Finally... I mentioned last week that our Under 19s Priority Football Team were playing in the final of the Somerset Schools' Cup and this took place on Monday evening. The weather was glorious and the final result was equally so, with the team winning 4-3. The outcome was a fitting end to the season, reflecting the team's hard work. In addition, I was equally as proud that the organisers commented on how exemplary the squad's conduct was throughout, what did become, a very nervy second half. Mr Davidson and the Priority team should be very proud of the impact they have had on this group – as am I.

Have a great long weekend



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

