

Dear parent / guardian,

An Update on Beth



As you will be aware, one of our students, Beth Adams in year 10, has received the diagnosis that she has Ewing's Sarcoma, a type of bone cancer. We held a non-uniform day last week to raise funds to support Beth and her family in the weeks and months ahead as she begins her treatment plan. Beth and her family are extremely overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of the school community. To date there has been £1840 raised that will help Beth and family with additional expenses incurred for transport to hospital appointments and things that she needs.

With the consent of the family, I would like to provide you with a brief update of Beth's treatment plan. Beth had her IV Chemo lines put in place on Tuesday under general anaesthetic in Sheffield hospital and will begin chemo on Wednesday next week in Sheffield. Beth will have three days in hospital receiving chemo and a week back at home before returning to Sheffield for six days of chemo and then a week respite at home. This pattern of treatments will then repeat. Initially, there are nine chemo 'blocks' planned, which will then be followed by surgery at Birmingham hospital. Surgery will then be followed by a further course of chemotherapy.

In between chemo 'blocks' Beth hopes to feel well enough to attend school on some occasions – and we are very much looking forward to seeing her here and supporting her along the way.

Beth has been informed that she is likely to lose her hair between the first and second course of chemo. At this stage, Beth has chosen a 'beanie hat' as her preferred method of covering her scalp. (She is conscious of feeling different and of course we will be supporting Beth to ensure that all students are aware that she may look different for a period of time).

In addition, I would like to share with you the news that one of our amazing parents has self-funded a skydive and has decided to raise funds to continue to help support Beth on her journey. Please find a link to Donna Airey's crowdfunding page below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/donna-airey?utm_term=2q9Z3XkBd

Kind regards,

Mrs Louise Daveran