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Dear parent / guardian,

An Update on Beth – July 2022



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. I have promised in previous communications to keep you updated on Beth's progress (with the consent of her family). We have held a non-uniform day and incredibly well-supported bake sale for Beth and her family. They are extremely overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of the school community. To date there has been over £2200 raised that will help Beth and her family with additional expenses incurred for transport to hospital appointments and things that she needs.

Since the last update I shared with you, Beth has now completed six gruelling rounds of chemotherapy. The seventh is due to begin shortly. The treatment itself has been incredibly hard going for Beth. She has suffered with mucositis throughout - this condition presents as painful throat and mouth ulcers caused by the chemotherapy. This makes it hard for Beth to

talk, eat and swallow following treatment. She has needed routine hospital care and antibiotic treatment to counteract the infections that this can cause.

Beth has needed regular blood transfusions in between treatments too as platelet counts have dropped very low at times. In addition, Beth has had regular nose bleeds, including a six hour episode and hospitalisation. She had vessels cauterised... but the bleeds continue.

In addition, Beth has undergone a procedure called cryopreservation. This involved an operation to remove her ovaries so that in the future, if Beth chooses to, she can have children.

There are a number of rounds of chemo to complete throughout the summer holiday now. This will be followed by a big operation to remove the tumour and part of the bone in Beth's upper arm in the Autumn.

The school and the wider local community have shown immense support for Beth and her family over recent months. The family are 'touched beyond words' at the kindness and generosity shown towards them at this challenging time. To help support Beth and her family through the months ahead whilst school is closed, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the final day of the school year, **Friday 22nd July 2022**.

Please donate whatever you are able to so that we can ensure that Beth and her family have some additional financial support through the summer months.

Despite the many challenges that Beth is facing, she is stoic in her outlook; brave beyond words; and determined to beat the cancer. We are so very proud of her.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Daveran".

Mrs Louise Daveran