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Dear Parent / Carer



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

I am excited to be able to tell you about a new project we are launching here at Parkstone Grammar School.

As you are no doubt aware, the pandemic has meant that many families find themselves in a very difficult financial situation, with the use of food banks at an all-time high. New research states that there has been an emergence of the 'newly hungry': typically, middle-income families who have been plunged into crisis by Covid-related job losses. In addition, local and national refuges have reported an increase in demand over the last six months.

At Parkstone Grammar School we want to do what we can to support those in need at this challenging time, especially in the run up to Christmas. Consequently, we have decided to launch a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' project across the school.

Essentially, this means that we are asking that, where possible, students bring in one item from an assigned list. These donations will then be split between several charitable organisations to create Christmas hampers for those in need, providing them with food, toiletries and treats that they wouldn't be able to otherwise afford.

If your child would like to take part, please ask them to put their donation, from the list on page 2, in the box in their form room between **Monday 30 November and Wednesday 2 December 2020**.

The donations will be split between Hope for Food, a Bournemouth based food bank, the Faithworks food bank in Poole, and the local BCHA Refuge, which is where the Year 11 items will be sent as part of their Key Stage 4 Charity Week. Please see their websites or Facebook pages for more information about the amazing work they do in our local community.

Thank you, in advance, for helping us make a difference.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Willis



If you would like this information in large print, Braille, on audio tape or in your language, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.



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The allocated produce for the calendar is as follows:

Form	Item
7P	Cereal
7A	Jam
7R	Baked beans
7K	Tinned pasta
7S	Tinned ham/corned beef
7T	Tinned carrots
8P	Tinned sweetcorn
8A	Tinned potatoes/mash
8R	Tinned tuna
8K	Tinned tomatoes
8S	Tinned soup
8T	Tinned fruit
9P	Tinned custard/cream
9A	Cooking sauce for pasta/rice
9R	Rice
9K	Tea/coffee
9S	Squash
9T	Cream crackers/savoury biscuits
10P	Christmas pudding
10A	Mince pies
10R	Chocolates/selection boxes
10K	Ketchup/Mayonnaise
10S	Sweet biscuits
10T	Sweets
11P	Shower gel for men or women
11A	Toothbrushes/toothpaste
11R	Deodorant
11K	Crisps
11S	Tinned fruit
11T	Tinned custard/cream/rice pudding
12P	Cooking sauce for pasta/rice
12A	Crisps
12R	Tea/coffee
12K	Squash
12S	Cream crackers/savoury biscuits
12T	Christmas pudding
12N	Mince pies
13P	Chocolates/selection boxes
13A	Ketchup/Mayonnaise
13R	Sweet biscuits
13K	Sweets
13S	Shower gel for men or women
13T	Toothbrushes/toothpaste
13N	Deodorant
Staff and governors	Toys and books