



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

21st June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with sadness that we finally said goodbye to our Year 11 students this week. Mr Baynes marked the occasion with a light-hearted look at the year and a now and then comparison of the students. It is fair to say that there was a fair splattering of "aahs", thanks to the baby photos sent in by parents. We now turn our attention to the all-important prom next Friday when we really see how much they have grown up into young adults!

On the 13th of June, Witchford entered a Maths completion at Cromwell school. Despite the strong competition, our teams consisting of eight Year 10 students finished first and third overall. Our congratulations go to them, and we will now look to take on all comers in the future.

As you know, we are always looking for ways to bring much-needed funds into the school. To this end, we have registered with easy fundraising, which is the UK's biggest charity fundraising site that turns everyday online shopping into donations.

What do I need to do to raise donations?

Firstly, you need to register by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Select 'Witchford Village College', and then click on the pink button to the right of the screen "Support this cause". You are then taken to a page to create your account. Once you have completed this registration the next time you want to buy something online, log into easy fundraising first, log in to your account and then click on the retailer you want to shop with. You will be taken to the retailer website where you can continue to make your purchase in the usual way. However - crucially - because you visited easy fundraising first, Witchford Village College will get a donation.

What's the catch?

No catch. Whatever you buy costs the same as it would if you had visited the retailer site directly. Easy fundraising do not take any financial information from you as all your transactions are with the retailer. Your information is not sold on and you will not receive spam. There are over 3,600 retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S who you can use easy fundraising with. Happy shopping and we hope you can support this initiative in order to improve the school.

I would like to remind you that the College will be closed on Monday 15th of July for our final staff training day.

I would also encourage parents/carers to spend a minute filling in our parent evening consultation survey. We are reviewing the format and potential timings of evenings next year, and would be grateful for any feedback. At close of press 106 parents had responded, many thanks.

Next week marks a full year of having the privilege of leading Witchford Village College. I am so proud of the achievements of our students during this time, and also extremely grateful in the way that students, parents and staff have responded to the many changes we have had to implement over the last twelve months. I believe that we are a very different College to the one that I joined last year, and while the job is by no means finished yet, we have laid some strong foundations for the future.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Baxby
Principal