

Year Group Charities

Each year group learns about, raises awareness of, and fundraises for a specific charity. These partnerships help pupils develop compassion, social responsibility and an understanding of how they can make a positive difference within their local and wider communities. Most of the charities are local and focus on a range of issues which are explored during form Temple Time in the Autumn Term. In addition to this, **Christian Aid** is the whole school and a focus during **Lent**.



Year 7 – Derian House Children’s Hospice

As part of Year 7 Induction Week, pupils welcome Anne Marie Fishwick from Derian House Children's Hospice, who visits to share the work of the hospice and the support it provides to children and families across the region. This valuable opportunity helps pupils develop a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those supported by the hospice and encourages compassion, empathy and a commitment to helping others.

Fundraising begins with the annual **Year 7 Disco** at the end of the first half term. Pupils purchase tickets to attend and enjoy a range of activities, including a tuck shop and pupil-led fundraising initiatives. This year, Thomas and Jesse created and sold balloon models and keyrings, adding to the fun and helping to raise additional funds for the charity.

Many pupils also choose to undertake their own **fundraising challenges**. For example, Willoe successfully completed a challenge to run a mile every day, demonstrating determination and a desire to make a positive difference and raising a massive £830.

Throughout the year, form groups participate in **Derian House's £10 Challenge**, using creativity and enterprise skills to turn an initial £10 into as much fundraising as possible. Forms also organise bake sales and other fundraising activities, while Year 7 pupils run the **Sports Day tuck shop**, selling sweets, drinks and ice creams to raise further funds.

Through these activities, pupils learn about service, generosity and community responsibility. Their support for Derian House helps them recognise how even small actions can have a meaningful impact on the lives of others.





Year 8 – Young Minds

As part of our commitment to supporting pupil wellbeing and raising awareness of mental health, the Year 8 group actively participated in YoungMinds' **Hello Yellow campaign**. Pupils were encouraged to wear yellow to school to show their support for young people's mental health, helping to create a visible sense of unity and awareness across the year group.

To further support the campaign, Year 8 organised a successful **raffle and cake sale**, raising both funds and awareness for YoungMinds. These activities provided pupils with valuable opportunities to engage with the campaign's message while developing their sense of social responsibility and community involvement.

Building on the success of Hello Yellow, individual tutor groups took ownership of additional fundraising initiatives later in the academic year. Forms planned and delivered their own bake sales and fundraising activities, continuing to promote the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing while supporting the values underpinning the Hello Yellow campaign. These pupil-led events demonstrated sustained engagement with the cause and highlighted the Year 8 community's ongoing commitment to supporting young people's mental health.





Year 9 – Mission Christmas / Cash for Kids

Over the past few years, Year 9 pupils have supported Cash for Kids, primarily through the Mission Christmas appeal. Through assemblies and form time activities, pupils learn about the challenges faced by families experiencing financial hardship and the importance of ensuring that every child can experience the joy and dignity of Christmas.

Throughout the Autumn Term, pupils take an active role in raising both awareness and funds for the appeal. One of the highlights of the year is the annual **Christmas Market**, where each form group plans and runs its own stall for the wider school community. Supported by form tutors, pupils demonstrate creativity, teamwork and enterprise skills while raising up to £500 each year. The event has become a valued end-of-term celebration enjoyed by pupils across the school. Year 9 also promote the Mission Christmas appeal and organise the **Christmas present donations** that are brought into school.

Staff and pupils have also participated in the **Preston Docks Santa Dash**, raising additional funds for Cash for Kids while promoting a sense of community and shared purpose. Alongside this, small groups of pupils organise and run their own cake sales, while others undertake individual fundraising initiatives. In recent years, pupils have shown impressive commitment by organising stalls within their local communities and raising significant amounts for the charity.

Year 9 pupils have also contributed to fundraising through events such as the **Summer Fayre**, organising and running a variety of stalls and activities, including tombolas, games and challenges. These events provide opportunities for pupils to develop leadership, organisational and communication skills while working together to support a worthwhile cause.

Through their involvement with Mission Christmas and Cash for Kids, pupils develop a deeper understanding of compassion, generosity and social responsibility. Their fundraising efforts help support vulnerable children and families whilst encouraging them to become active citizens who seek to make a positive difference in their communities.











Year 10 – St Catherine’s Hospice

Year 10 students play an active role in supporting charitable causes and serving the wider community. The main charity they help to support is St Catherine's Hospice, an organisation that provides vital care and support for people with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Throughout the year, students organise and participate in a range of fundraising activities, including popular **pop and cake sales**, which help raise valuable funds for the hospice. These events encourage students to work together, develop leadership skills and demonstrate their commitment to helping others.

Year 10 students also played an important role in our annual **Summer Fair**, helping to organise and run stalls and activities on the school field. Their hard work and enthusiasm contributed to a successful community event that brought together students, staff and families while raising money for a worthy cause.

In addition, students supported the school's **Christmas Markets**, assisting with the preparation and running of festive stalls. These events not only generate funds for St Catherine's Hospice but also help foster a strong sense of community and service.

Through their fundraising efforts and charitable work, Year 10 students put our Christian values into action, showing compassion, generosity and a commitment to serving others. Their support for St

Catherine's Hospice helps make a meaningful difference to people in need while encouraging students to become responsible and caring members of society.

Year 11 – Foxton Centre

Since September 2023, Year 11 have been actively supporting the Foxton Centre, a local charity that works to support people experiencing homelessness and those facing poverty and hardship. The charity provides vital services such as outreach, food provision, advice, and support for vulnerable individuals within the community.

As part of this ongoing support:

- Each Autumn, to coincide with Harvest we collect **donations of food and toiletries** to deliver to the Foxton Centre.
- In November 2023, Miss Porter, Ms Shaw and Mrs Martin took part in the **Big Sleep Out** at PNE, raising over £1000. It was a very wet evening, which really brought home the harsh realities faced by those who are forced to sleep rough, and helped to deepen our understanding and empathy for those in need.
- More recently, in March 2026, Miss Porter, Ms Shaw, Mrs Banner, Miss Stansfield and Chaplain Jo once again completed the Big Sleep Out, raising a further £900. This year's event had a particular focus on women and homelessness, highlighting the additional challenges faced by women in these situations. Although the weather conditions were more favourable, the event continued to provide a powerful opportunity to raise awareness of homelessness and vulnerability.
- Alongside this, Year 11 students have organised their own fundraising activities in school, including selling cakes and fizzy drinks, contributing further to the funds raised for the Foxton Centre.

Through these activities, students have not only raised money but also developed a greater awareness of social justice issues, compassion, and the importance of supporting vulnerable members of the community.

