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## Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Malcolm Whales Sponsored Dorset Walk 2022

I am pleased to be offering The Malcolm Whales Dorset sponsored walk again as a school trip for July 2022. The Malcolm Whales Foundation was set up with a number of aims, the main ones being to raise awareness and funding to support those suffering from cancer, especially as a child or teenager. Over the 13 years the walk has run, it has led to the foundation raising over £250,000 which helps to provide support and mechanisms during peoples' fight or recovery.

The Malcolm Whales Dorset sponsored walk is open to students in Years 10, 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Families and siblings can also join the walk, by signing up on the charity website. The walk consists of 40 miles being covered over three days, starting in Weymouth and finishing near Poole, with challenging ascents and descents. The charity is really pleased with the support it has received over previous years, from students, ex-students and families.

Your son/daughter has shown an interest to participate in the walk. Details are outlined below:

- Depart **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** and return **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**
- Cost - £120
- Each day we will walk approximately 14 miles
- We will be camping for 4 nights at Burnbake campsite
- Food and drink will be provided. A small amount of spending money will be required. (On one of the nights, participants purchase their own dinner in the local town)
- Participants will be sleeping in tents which they share with their friends. If they are unable to find a tent, we have spare tents that can be borrowed.

There are a limited number of places for each age range for this trip, awarded on a 'first come, first served basis'. Should your son/daughter wish to take part, please make payment via WisePay of the non-refundable deposit of £40 to secure the place, which will open at **8pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. The total cost of the trip is £120 which can be paid in full, or to make it more affordable the amount can be paid in instalments of: £40 deposit to secure your place, and final payment by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. On payment of the deposit, a sign-up form will be emailed out for completion. Students can then raise further sponsorship - forms are available for this or via justgiving. Please also be aware that a student's behaviour could jeopardise their place on the trip. Once this trip is full we will open a 'reserve list', so please email me to be added to the list:

[spatman@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:spatman@elycollege.co.uk)

The £120 goes towards the cost of transport, fuel, camping, t-shirts to be worn daily and food (lunch and dinner are all provided, except for the one night mentioned previously, milk is provided for breakfast). Sponsorship is key to the event's success and we encourage students to set up their own justgiving pages.

We are also looking for any type of donation or sponsorship of specific aspects, e.g the cost of transport/accommodation etc. I can provide breakdown figures of individual costs if this is of assistance.

Any further information will be shared at relevant times in the build-up to the event, but with your participation and your support, we are able to make a massive difference to the lives of children suffering from cancer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: [spatman@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:spatman@elycollege.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr S Patman

Trustee and Joint Trip leader

