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Dear Parent/Carer,

Charity Announcement

We are proud of Southam College's strong tradition of supporting good causes and of helping those in need. We are therefore delighted to be able to share with you Southam College's Charity of the Year which is the result of this week's whole-school vote: All our fundraising efforts this year will go to the Pole Pole Foundation in the Democratic Republic of Congo which promotes education, sustainable living, eco-tourism and carbon off-setting, thereby protecting the Grauer's Gorilla Reserve which is situated in "the world's second biggest green lung after the Amazon rainforest"

www.polepolefoundation.org/. The Pole Pole Foundation was a finalist in Prince Williams' Earth Shot Prize and was invited to the recent climate summit Cop26 in Glasgow. **Please find more information about our planned fundraising efforts and partnership plans overleaf.**

Non-Uniform Day

To launch this year's fundraising efforts, all four Houses are working together on a non-uniform day on **Friday 10th December 2021** to raise money for the Pole Pole Foundation. **If your child wishes to participate in Non-Uniform Day please make the suggested donation of £1, via ParentPay, by Thursday 9th December.** There is an option to donate more if you wish to do so. Please remember that although it is Non-Uniform Day, clothes should be appropriate for a school environment and the current cold weather. Students will be expected to remove hats when inside and clothing should not be excessively short or display inappropriate motifs. Students are reminded to bring items out of their blazer to school with them on this day e.g. bus passes. A Christmas theme is optional.

Foodbank Collection

Whilst students have voted to support a global charity this academic year we are also keen to continue the promotion of kindness, confidence and resilience in our local community. As part of our Global Virtues week we are collecting essential food items for Southam Foodbank. All donations will go to supporting local families and vulnerable people over the Christmas break and tutors have shared recommendations for non-perishable items during registration. Please send in any items you are able to donate **by Monday 13 December.**

Thank you for your support in continuing our tradition of supporting local and global causes, we look forward to organising many more events this academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Richter
Deputy Headteacher