



7 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

'Reverse Advent Calendar' - Food Bank Appeal

You should be aware from your son/daughter that we are once again taking part in the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' Food Bank Appeal. For the past few years we have taken part in the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' scheme where, instead of the usual advent calendar countdown to Christmas we have asked students and staff to bring in donations for a local food bank. In the past we have been able to make a large delivery of goods, both food and toiletry items, to local charities just before Christmas. This year it is more essential than ever with many more families in need.

Each Tutor Group has been encouraged to bring in items to put in a collection box in their Form Room. The Charity Representatives have been asked to manage this and allocate students a different day in December to bring in non-perishable items which will be donated to the Kingston food banks, providing much needed support to local families during the festive period.

Items can include food or toiletries but must be non-perishable. If you are wondering what to donate a typical food parcel includes: cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk and fruit juice. Many foodbanks also provide essential non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products as well as household items such as baby supplies and feminine products, helping people in crisis to maintain dignity.

If you are able to donate to these schemes, please send items into school with your son/daughter as soon as possible, but at the latest by Wednesday 20 December 2023. We appreciate any contributions or support you can give at this time.

The school is, as always, grateful for your support.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Thornley
Deputy Head/Head of Lower School