17 January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 3 February 2017

The school will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 3 February 2017 to raise money for <u>Hope House</u>, a homeless shelter charity based in Braintree.

The money raised for Hope House is in remembrance of Emilia Kordaszewska in Year 7. I am sure that you are aware of the tragic circumstances that occurred before Christmas whereby Emilia and her mother, Alina, lost their lives in a house fire. During her time at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form, Emilia was an active member of the lunchtime group, Action Equality. She was a student who was committed to making the society she lived in fairer for all and it is with this in mind that we are donating to Hope House.

Students will be asked to make a £1 donation, but if they wish to contribute more they may do so. If you would like your child to bring in a contribution from you this would be acceptable also. Throughout the day there will also be a range of activities for students to take part in so we recommend that students bring a small amount of change with them.

We hope that you are happy for your child to participate. Donations will be collected by tutors during tutor time.

Please note that students are not permitted to wear items that are inappropriate for the school environment and that for health and safety reasons, the usual rules regarding jewellery and other accessories still apply. Hair must not be dyed an unnatural colour, even temporarily. No inappropriate shorts or revealing clothes will be permitted. Any students wearing such clothing will be sent home to change.

Thank you in advance for your support. For more information about Hope House please visit <a href="http://hopehouseessex.org.uk/">http://hopehouseessex.org.uk/</a>

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Kelly

Deputy Headteacher