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Dear Parent/Carer

## The Malcolm Whales Dorset Sponsored Walk 2021

I am pleased to be offering The Malcolm Whales Dorset Sponsored Walk again as a school trip for July 2021. 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 teenage. Over the 11 years the walk has run, it has led to the foundation raising over £200,000 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, but this year is limited in numbers per year group. 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 8<sup>th</sup> July** and return **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.
- 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.

The **sign up for the trip will be open from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**. There are a limited number of places, awarded on a 'first come, first served basis'. Should your son/daughter wish to take part, please make the deposit payment of £40 as well as completing and returning the permission slip attached. Final Payment of the trip should be completed by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Confirmation of a place on the trip will be provided, along with a sponsorship form for those able to raise sponsorship. Please also be aware that a student's behaviour could jeopardise their place on the trip.

The £100 cost goes towards the cost of transport, fuel, the campsite, t shirts to walk in (one for each day) and food (lunch and dinner are all provided, except for the one night mentioned previously). In the event of restriction preventing the trip from running, all monies will be returned. If your child is keen to participate but finances prevent this, then there may be an element of financial support the charity can offer, so please make us aware on the attached form.

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.

A risk assessment can be found on the website, covering our Covid measures at this time of planning.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Patman', written over a white background.

Mr S Patman  
Trustee and Joint Trip leader



To: Mr S Patman, Bishop Laney 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Participant's Name..... Age .....

I give permission for my child to take part in the 2021 Dorset Sponsored Walk between Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

- I have paid the £40 deposit online via WisePay.
- I have paid the full £100 online via WisePay.
- My child is keen to participate, but will require an element of financial support.

Signed (Parent/Carer) ..... Date .....

Parent/Carer Name in Print: .....

**Important Information:**

Telephone Number(s): .....

Email: .....

Medical Information: *(Please state below whether your child suffers from any allergies).*  
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Special Dietary Requirements: *(Please state if your child has any special dietary requirements).*  
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Tents: *(Please select whether you plan to bring/share a tent or if you require one. The Malcolm Whales Foundation strongly advises that you bring your own tent or share with someone, as there are only a very limited number of tents available).*

- Yes, I will be brining/sharing a tent
- No, I will need to borrow a tent

T-Shirt Size: .....

Photo Permission: *(Please select whether you are happy to grant permission for The Malcolm Whales Foundation to use any pictures involving yourself for social media and publicity purposes)*

- Yes, I am happy for any pictures of my child to be used on social media for publicity uses.
- No, I do not want any pictures of my child to be used on social media for publicity uses.