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February 2020

Dear Families

Sleep Easy

Friday, 6 March 2020

We have been approached, at Thorns Collegiate Academy, by YMCA Black Country Group to take part in a charity Sleep Easy Event.

YMCA Black Country Group is a charity which works with homeless people and people at risk of being homeless across the Black Country. Last year the charity provided over 124,000 bed nights of accommodation across the Black Country.

On Friday 6th March 2020, at Merry Hill Centre for YMCA Black Country Group are holding their annual Sleep Easy Event which raises money for their Moving Forward Fund.

This year they have asked Thorns Collegiate Academy to partner with them for the event and we hope that you will be able to support your son/daughter in attending the event.

The event is being held on the Purple Car Park (near Debenhams). It is undercover so we won't get wet if it rains or snows but it is likely to be very cold. All participants are given a large cardboard box to sleep in but will need to bring their own sleeping bag and warm clothing. The event starts at 7pm on the Friday night and we have an entertainment programme with buskers and dancers up to about midnight. After that, we try to get to sleep until 7am on the Saturday morning.

There will be marking for a separate area for Thorns Students and staff who are taking part in the event but the charity would also welcome any parents who want to take part with their children to register directly.

Please follow link from YMCA Black Country Group website. <https://www.ymcabc.org.uk/>

There is a registration fee of £10, however the students who are attending with Thorns, are being asked to gather sponsorship of at least £10 to take part in the event.

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Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Merry Hill on the Friday evening, and Saturday morning.

There will be security provided by INTU at Merry Hill and Thorns students will be accompanied throughout the event by Thorns staff.

The students will have access to the toilets at Merry Hill throughout the night and will be provided with tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Eat Central normally donate any leftover food from their outlets, however we would advise that students bring enough food and drink to last them for the whole event with them.

There are a limited number of spaces available that we at Thorns can take with us and so I would suggest that students return the attached form to me as soon as possible and collect a sponsor form.

If you would like any more information about the event, please contact Rachael.taylor@ymcab.org.uk or call 07854 928988 or myself at Thorns Collegiate Academy.

We believe this is a very worthy charitable cause and hope you allow your child to participate.

Yours sincerely

C Taylor

Mrs C Taylor
Senior Assistant Principal

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Name of student: _____ Form Group: _____

- I give consent to my child participating at the Sleep Easy Event on Friday, 6 March 2020
- I understand that my child will have to make their own way to and from the event
- I understand that the event begins at 7pm and finishes at 7am on Saturday, 7 March 2020
- I understand that my child needs to bring food, warm clothes and bedding
- I understand that my child will be supervised by staff from Thorns throughout the night.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Print Name: _____ signed: _____

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