



Dear Parents/Carers,

International Women's Day – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are excited to share with you the plans we have for International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. As a trust, we have made a connection with a charity called "One by One". This is led by Becky Murray who is from Rotherham. Her son goes to one of our schools within the Trust and after setting up her charity, she has focused on women and girls in countries all over the world, she wants to give something back to where she is originally from.

The plan for the 8th March 2023, is to connect a female entrepreneur who is from the local area with our students and share her story of how she has built a charity and helped over 20,000 girls across many countries. We want to use this day to inspire our young people to find out how she has done this and also an opportunity to fundraise for IWD and One by One. We also want to celebrate many of our inspirational female staff across the Trust.

Becky is going to deliver a pre-recorded assembly about her work with the charity to inspire our young people in primaries. At the same time, she is going to be in Rawmarsh secondary school sharing her story with some of our students. After the assembly, Becky will be running a workshop with student council representatives from each school to spend time with her discussing her work and sharing more of her journey.

On the day, we are asking our staff to wear purple in line with IWD, purple and proud, and donate to the charities to do this. We will also be hosting activities after school that day for staff to join in. There will be a number of activities led by schools and a trust wide activity for staff to participate in. We plan to fundraise for this event and ask for donations to be part of this from our staff. Each school will be decorated and in their reception areas to highlight the day for students and raise awareness. If you would like to contribute or learn more, there will be links to our charities through the school websites and how to donate.

We are really looking forward to this project and developing our work with One by One.

Kind regards

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