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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 20 September 2024

Genetic conditions affect 1 in 10 families in the UK, which means as many as 550 families in Bridgnorth could be affected by a condition such as cystic fibrosis, brittle bone disease or heart arrhythmia. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

On Friday, 20 September 2024 we will be hosting a non-uniform day to support Jeans for Genes, alongside assemblies and other events taking place that week to raise awareness of this important issue.

Students can come to school wearing denim instead of their usual school uniform; this can be anything from jeans to denim jackets, skirts or any other denim attire. By participating, students will help raise awareness and funds for genetic disorder research.

OWS school supports a range of charities / events across the school year and is extremely proud of the support our students give to so many important areas. To help with the organisation of such events (and to further promote our cashless systems in school), a minimum voluntary donation will appear on your child's ParentPay account. Should you/your child wish to support this event, we would kindly ask you to process this in support of such a worthy cause.

All funds raised will go to the Jeans for Genes charity to help with groundbreaking research, providing better treatments and support for those in need. Genetic disorders can affect anyone, and the work done by Jeans for Genes makes a significant difference in improving the quality of life for many.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this event, please feel free to contact me directly; I am more than happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Thank you for your support in making this event a success and we look forward to seeing our students in their denim on Friday.

Yours faithfully

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Please check our Non-Uniform Day Guidelines overleaf

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Non-Uniform Day Guidelines

On occasion, students at Oldbury Wells will be allowed to wear clothes that are non-uniform. These occasions include non-uniform days to raise money for charity, for school trips or as a reward.

Whilst as a school, we encourage every student to express themselves as individuals, this must be done in an appropriate manner, therefore, it is important that the following guidelines are adhered to:

- Skirts, dresses or shorts should be at least mid-thigh length.

The following items are prohibited:

- See-through clothing e.g. shirts/blouses
- Strapless tops
- Clothing that exposes bare midriffs
- Flip-flops or backless shoes (health and safety reasons)
- Clothing with offensive words or logos
- The usual rules for jewellery and piercings.

The expectation is that all students arrive to school wearing clothing in accordance with this dress code. Should they not do so, students will be sent home to change. Any student unable to go home will be required to work in the consequence room for the day, including social times.

If a student has PE on a non-uniform day, they will be expected to bring in their PE kit to school as normal (in line with PE uniform policy). Students that have not brought their PE kit with them to school will be sanctioned in the normal manner for missing kit.