

7th July 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

### **Acle Academy Sponsored Walk Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

This year Acle Academy will be holding the annual sponsored walk on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Last year's sponsored walk was significantly impacted by the pandemic, and only a very small number of students were able to take part. This year our fundraising efforts return in full. Having raised over £3200 towards a new school minibus (which we are now the proud recipients of) since the return of the Sponsored walk in 2018, we would like to turn our fundraising efforts to a pupil gym and a well-being area, which have been requested by our student parliament.

The 2021 sponsored walk will follow the same route as two years ago, which is a slightly shortened version of the original walk from 2014 and covers a distance of approximately 10km. We will start by taking the Fishley footpath to Upton Dyke and onto Upton Marshes. From this point we will be walking a route that takes in the broads and marshes scenery but keeps us clear of sensitive areas in the middle of the wildlife reserve. There is one short, but very beautiful, section alongside the River Bure. The entire route, and especially the road crossings and river bank section, will be heavily monitored by our marshals to ensure safety and staff will be walking with pupils at all times.

Our fingers are firmly crossed for fine weather so hats, plenty of water and sunscreen will be the order of the day! Pupils will also need to have sensible, casual, walking clothes and ensure they wear suitable walking shoes and socks. They should bring something waterproof in case of rain and, just in case we get very wet, it would also be a good idea to send your child with a change of clothes on the day. Every walker should also bring with them a plastic carrier bag to put their boots into as they enter the school buildings on our return. The route should be completed in approximately three to four hours.

The canteen will be closed on the day so all pupils will be required to bring in a packed lunch. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch in the morning before departing. If you are usually in receipt of a free school meal and do not wish to have a packed lunch provided please inform your form tutor.

The whole school, Y7 - Y10, will be undertaking the walk and we do expect that all pupils in these years will take part and hope that as many pupils as possible will help us as we raise money towards a school gym and well-being area. There may be exceptions where students are medically unable to take part; they need to be in school, and alternative activities will be arranged for them.

You will find a sponsor form with this letter – please do encourage your child to collect sponsors amongst friends and family to support our fundraising efforts. Money raised from the school walk should be paid in via Scopay, under ‘Sponsored Walk July 2021’ if this is not possible return in an envelope, along with your sponsorship form to the school office but no later than Friday 10th September. Thank you in advance for your support.

We do require consent in order for your child to participate in the sponsored walk. If possible please could you provide consent through ClassCharts. If this is not possible you can return the reply slip, located on the bottom of the sponsorship form, to your child’s form tutor by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July confirming your child’s participation in the walk.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Newstead  
Vice Principal

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