

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

SPONSORED WALK '23

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is our annual, whole-school sponsored walk on Friday 20th October 2023. We are very excited to be able to hold our first whole-school activity of the year and hope that every student will take part, and in doing so, raise money for our Academy Fund.

The Academy Fund is used to subsidise transport to our many sporting fixtures, which our students take part in, and helps with the additional activities which enhance the learning experience of our students, such as, transport used for extracurricular events and subject specific competitions, it also supports the student referendum, which is held at the end of each year, and supports the students' choices for example new benches, picnic areas etc.

On the day of the walk, all students will follow a five mile circular route, mainly on public footpaths and bridleways, starting and finishing at school. We will start walking at about 9am and everyone should be back at school in time for the beginning of Period 3. Students will follow their normal timetable from Period 3 onwards.

School uniform need not be worn on the day of the walk, the usual expectations of non-uniform apply (sensible clothes; no cropped tops, a little make-up will be tolerated and a little jewellery may be worn, hair must abide by the usual academy standards). All students are advised to wear sensible footwear – trainers would be ideal as the route can be muddy in places. Students are also advised to carry a bottle of water to quench their thirst as they walk. Staff will be marshalling and walking with the students to assist them, if needed.

All parents/carers have given consent for walks in the local area (if this has not been completed, you will be messaged separately) there is an opt-out form below to complete if you do not want your child to participate.

In order for students to participate, parents/carers must:

- Make sure the medical consents are up-to-date on the SIMs app. (If you are having problems logging onto SIMs please email dpo@theaxholmeacademy.com who will be able to help.)
- Help your child gather sponsorship and make payment via ParentPay; we are a 'cashless school' and so, sponsorship and non-uniform payments must be made via ParentPay.
- If you DO NOT wish for your child to participate in the sponsored walk, please complete this [Google Form](#). Students who do not receive permission to walk are expected to attend school as normal, wearing their school uniform, they will be set work to complete on Google Classrooms and will be under the supervision of pastoral staff.

I do hope you will support the academy in this amazing money-raising, team-building adventure and sponsor your child as they undertake this 5 mile walk.

Yours faithfully,



Miss J. Harrison
PE Teacher