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# Ripon Grammar School

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6 December 2021

Dear Parents/guardians

We shall be holding a **non-uniform and/or Christmas jumper day** for the whole school on the last day of term, **Thursday 16 December**.

The students have decided that they would like to support a local charity this year, the **Ripon City of Sanctuary**. This is part of a national movement which welcomes and supports refugees who come to the UK after fleeing war, conflict or persecution. Locally they support 6 Syrian families resettled by the government, and they have a project to bring two more families to Ripon in 2022. They campaign nationally, provide clothing to centres from Wakefield to Teesside, and help the public to understand just how traumatic it is to be forced to become a refugee.

Ripon Grammar School is working towards becoming a School of Sanctuary and this day is part of our drive to embed awareness of migration, refuge and asylum in our school life, as well as centring ideas of inclusivity and welcome for all. You can read more about the Schools of Sanctuary project here; [Home | Schools of Sanctuary \(cityofsanctuary.org\)](http://Home | Schools of Sanctuary (cityofsanctuary.org)) This has already seen staff fundraising by walking several hundred miles collectively in September and organising donations of clothing, bedding and homewares for the Ripon refugee families.

As usual, clothing must be appropriate for school and there should be no fancy dress or extremes of clothing, as students will be attending normal lessons throughout the day. We do also ask that if your child chooses to wear a Christmas jumper that it does not have any flashing lights or musical components, which may act as a distraction during lessons.

We would welcome donations of £2.00, which can be made via ParentPay, or by cash – to be given to their form tutor at morning registration please.

We are sure this will be a wonderful way to end the term and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

**Jonathan M Webb**  
Headmaster