

9th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Harvest Donations for Croydon Refugee Day Centre

On Wednesday, 16th October during our usual assembly, we will be holding the Year 7 Eucharist service. The Eucharist service will be centred around the theme of 'Harvest'. Traditionally, a Harvest Festival has been an opportunity to donate food items to those in the local community who require a little extra help and support. We would like to do the same during this service.

We have decided to support the Croydon Refugee Day Centre.

There are currently 5 times the number of asylum seekers in Croydon than there were during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Croydon Refugee Day Centre supports 100-150 individuals each week, many of whom are children of school age.

One of the biggest areas of need and therefore we would like Year 7 to help by each form collectively making a 'Harvest Hamper'.

We are therefore asking that pupils donate the following items for their form group Hamper: -

Form tutors will speak to their tutees this week, and givie them the opportunity to pick item/s to donate.

The items that are currently needed are:

- Toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, roll on deodorant, bars of soap)
- Rice
- Oats
- Lentils
- Tea
- Sugar

- Tinned Food
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Tuna
- Long-life Milk
- Coconut Milk
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Corned Beef
- Tinned Kidney Beans

Thank you for your generosity in advance.

Yours sincerely

Mr Rutt Lay Chaplain