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Dear Parents

### **Pupil Charity Ballot- Mufti Day Spring 2012**

PGS has a strong and proud record for its work and contributions to charities both local and further afield. A major fundraiser each term is Mufti Day, an event enjoyed and appreciated by the pupil body. This term as a new venture, we intend to give pupils the opportunity to nominate and vote for their favourite charity. The charity that wins the overall vote will secure the bulk of the money raised, with the second placed charity receiving money in direct proportion to its overall share of the vote.

The running of the event including hustings and the actual ballot will be undertaken by our Year 12 Politics students overseen by members of staff. Full details will be given to pupils in assemblies later this term, but the key points as parents you may wish to know are:

Any bona fide UK charity may be nominated **except** those charities which have been recipients of money from Mufti Day in the past year. These were: Help for Heroes, Cambodia Appeal and the New Theatre Royal

Please encourage your son/daughter to consider nominating good causes from among a wide range of charities for example: environmental, medical, forces, animals, Third World and conservation.

To be nominated, a charity needs to be proposed by one pupil, seconded by another, and have another 8 pupil signatures. A deposit of £20 is payable, which is refunded in the event that the charity secures 5% or more of the total vote. Any lost deposits go to the original nominated charity.

The key dates and deadlines are:

Thursday 23 February	deadline for nominations for the Pupil Charity Ballot
Thursday 8 March:	hustings for the Pupil Charity ballot
Thursday 15 March	voting for the Pupil Charity Ballot
Thursday 22 March	Mufti Day in aid of the successful charities as voted for by the pupils

We hope very much that pupils will enjoy and engage with this activity, which will hopefully benefit their knowledge of aspects of the political system and of individual charities. We also anticipate they will enjoy campaigning and have a greater sense of ownership of the Mufti Day event. Above all, we hope to raise a considerable sum of money for the pupils' favourite cause.

If you have any queries or questions please contact ideally by email, Mr Lemieux at [s.lemieux@pgs.org.uk](mailto:s.lemieux@pgs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely0

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