

Dear Parents

Thank you for your generosity in helping to raise money for Lords Meade Vocational College and community projects in Uganda. This year we raised £6000 from a number of fundraising projects. 7Q won the inter-form fundraising competition, by raising £668 in a sponsored silence. We always give some of the money that we raise to a community project. This year we have given £1100 to ASCO (African Street Children Organisation - see the web site www.gitrust.org/tag/asco) where Gabriella Ryan, one of the gap year students from WGS, works two days a week. The ASCO children would literally be sleeping and begging in the streets if it were not for this organisation. Some of the money is going to be spent at Lords Meade to buy bunk beds and mosquito nets for the new boys' dormitory and to buy some computers. Few of the second hand ones we sent in 2006 work any more. We plan to use £1000 to pay for three students to go to Lords Meade who are from very poor homes. You will probably be aware that there are many orphaned children due to AIDS and other diseases. We hope to sponsor more students in the future.

I am writing to you to ask if you have any items that we could take to Uganda. I am taking a group of 19 students in July with Mr Hall and Mr Tyler. KLM are very generous in their baggage allowance so that each of us could carry an extra 20kg for the teachers and students at Lords Meade Vocational College and to community projects in the area of Jinja. Having been to Uganda on several occasions I know how beneficial these items will be to the Ugandan people. For example, in 2009 we took second hand, sterilised medical equipment like scissors and forceps that the NHS would have thrown away after being used once. A parent donated hundreds of syringes and needles which the small medical centres were so grateful for. If you have connections through your work there may be similar items you could offer. I know that they will be given to places and people that are very needy.

I am aware that many of you will donate to different charities. Donating to any of our links in Uganda is a very worthwhile thing to do. We can ensure that every penny is put to good use as none will be used in administration fees. We can also see what the money is spent on. We have community links with an orphanage called Sunrise, ASCO street kids, St Francis Medical Centre for HIV patients, several primary schools as well as Lords Meade Vocational College. As you may know you can sponsor a child at Lords Meade for £320 a year. If you would like to know more or would like to send a donation, do contact me.

We are asking the students to bring in second hand items too and we are collecting them before the end of term. I have written a list of the items that would be useful, see overleaf. If you have any doubts do contact me by ringing the school or e mailing me: vef@wgs-sch.net.

Yours sincerely,

Val Fogarty.
Head of Years 10 & 11.



Items to Collect for Uganda

- Football Shirts
- Trainers
- Sports bags
- Sports Kit
- Sports Equipment
- Balls of any type
- Calculators– solar
- Maths equipment
- Old key boards, mice etc
- Stationery, pens, pencils etc
- Art equipment
- Medical Supplies
- Educational materials

**Please bring to the
Middle School Office
and give to
Mr Hall or Mrs
Fogarty**