

2nd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure we have all been deeply distressed by the devastating news of the recent earthquake in Venezuela and the unfolding humanitarian crisis affecting so many families. In such times, we are reminded of our calling as Catholics to see Christ in those who are suffering and to respond with love, prayer, and action.

To this end, we have decided to hold a fundraising non-uniform day for each year group as below:

- Years 7, 8 and 9 - Monday 6th July
- Year 10 - Monday 13th July (following the college and residential visits next week)

We ask that all pupils contribute a **minimum donation of £2**, but please consider donating more if you can do so. Donations will be collected via **ParentPay** as usual.

Pupils and parents/carers must ensure that the clothing pupils wear is **professional and appropriate** for children in a school environment, suitable for classroom learning.

Inappropriate clothing includes:

- Clothing that exposes the shoulders or midriff.
- Skin-tight compression sports shorts or leggings.
- Clothing containing political slogans or statements, or anything contrary to our Catholic school character and ethos.
- Skirts that are worn shorter than the usual school standard.

The usual standards regarding hair, jewellery and make-up will continue to apply. By exception, a **single small stud** may be worn in the lobe of each ear on the non-uniform day only.

Should any pupil arrive at school dressed inappropriately, we will contact parents or carers to arrange for them to change, or they may be asked to work independently in our Reflection Room for the day.

Please note: Pupils taking part in the rearranged **Boys Fylde Athletics** event at Stanley Park on Monday 6th July must attend school in Saint Bede's PE kit as planned to be able to participate.

Thank you for your generosity and support for the people of Venezuela.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Marsden

Headteacher