



# St Augustine's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **SIXTH FORM CHARITY 'SLEEP OUT' – 16 NOVEMBER 2018**

This Advent the Sixth Form are focusing their charitable efforts on supporting a local homeless community, Doorway, who are a charity that provide a drop-in centre for those who are homeless. Details of the event are:

**Location:** Sixth Form Lasallian Centre and immediate outside area

**Start date and time:** 16 November 2018, 6pm

**Finish date and time:** 17 November 2018, 7am

Doorway believe that homeless and marginalised adults are capable of change and will only achieve their full potential when offered a safe, supportive, empowering and non-judgemental environment which will help reverse the downward spiral of homelessness. As well as providing guests with everyday basics like freshly cooked food, laundry and shower facilities, they also offer a range of activities such as music, creative writing, art workshops, indoor football and IT training.

Alongside creating welfare bags and donating items that Doorway can use to support the homeless in Wiltshire we would like to support the centre itself and as such, we are offering the Sixth Form the opportunity to raise funds for this local charity as well as raising awareness of homelessness. To this end we have organised a 'Supporting the Homeless' Sleep Out on Friday 16 November 2018.

The evening will start at 6pm in the Lasallian Centre and we are asking students to bring food with them to share together as part of a community meal during the evening. In addition, students are allowed to bring snacks/drinks for the evening/night should they wish but alcohol is not permitted. The evening will be spent inside with a series of activities, including a talk from a representative of the charity and a film, before moving outside to settle down for the night. Toilet facilities and warm drinks will be available throughout the night. The event will finish at 7am on Saturday 17 November and we would appreciate it if you could ensure that your son/daughter is collected from the school site promptly.

Suggested Sleep Out Kit List

- Sleeping bag plus blanket(s)
- Cardboard, camping mat or camp bed to sleep on (inflatable airbeds are not recommended)
- Warm comfortable clothing to sleep in - lots of layers
- Gloves/ hat/scarf
- Hot water bottle
- Mobile phones are permitted and personal music players with headphones.

Students will not be permitted to use radios, laptops, tablets or other electrical equipment and so we would appreciate it if these could be left at home.

It is likely to be very cold outside at night in November and we will reserve the right to send students home who have not brought appropriate kit with them for their own comfort and safety. There is provision for students to sleep on the floor inside the Lasallian centre should the weather be particularly severe.

Whilst the Sleep Out is an awareness raising activity as much as a fundraising one it would be great if each student could aim to raise at least £25 in sponsorship; a form is attached to help with this. We would appreciate it if all sponsorship money could be returned to school by Friday 30 November.

Students who wish to participate in the fundraising effort but who do not wish to/are unable to stay overnight, can join us for the evening portion of the event, but will need to be collected from site by 9pm, and we would ask that they make a £5 donation to Doorway.

Please return permission slips to the Sixth Form Office by Monday 12 November. If you have any queries about the event, please do not hesitate to contact the event organiser, Mrs Rowlatt-Weston.

Yours sincerely

**David Forster**  
Headmaster

Return to: Sixth Form Office by 12 November

Event Organiser: Mrs Rowlatt-Weston

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- I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the overnight Sleep Out event as detailed above and will collect them at 7am on 17 November.
- I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the evening portion of the Sleep Out event and will collect them by 9pm. Please find enclosed a donation of £5 to Doorway (*please make cheques payable to St Augustine's Catholic College*).

Name of student: ..... Form: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Contact telephone number: .....