



ST MARY'S COLLEGE



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A representative from Lepra gave a virtual presentation to the Y7 students today about their work to **Beat Leprosy**. This opportunity gives students the chance to take part in the **Move for Lepra Challenge** whilst making a real difference to the lives of others, specifically the millions of people affected by leprosy.

Lepra are a UK-based charity working to beat leprosy, a disease that affects some of the world's poorest communities in India and Bangladesh where access to healthcare is often limited. Today more than 600 people will be diagnosed with this debilitating disease; **at least 50 of these will be children**. If left untreated it causes life-changing disabilities, but **it is curable!** With more support they can help more people to overcome this disease and rebuild their lives.

The students have been asked to take part in a Move for Lepra Challenge where Year 7's and teachers will be doing walking, cycling, running and more to cover the distance from St Mary's College to India which is a huge 4,646 miles. We are hoping to keep track of the miles covered on the JustGiving page below so please do take a look. Students will be asking for sponsorship to take part in this challenge and / or may come up with their own creative fundraising activities such as:

- Doing some jobs around home: household chores, car washing, looking after pets, making dinner
- Doing something sponsored – tech free day!
- Sponsored silence

£25 provides
the CURE & the
medical care to
someone with
leprosy

We ask that donations are collected via the sponsorship envelope or the Just Giving Page link below by Friday 30th June

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmaryscollege-lepra>
Thank you for supporting the students in the mission to Beat Leprosy!

For more information about Lepra's work, please visit their web site www.lepra.org.uk.
Additionally, if you are interested in receiving their monthly updates you can sign up here <https://www.lepra.org.uk/contact/get-in-touch>

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