

# HENDON SCHOOL

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*'Learning Together Across the World'*

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you to share the upcoming event for all year 7 students. On **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** as part of our celebration of International Women's Day the PE department will be having a visit from the Olympic athlete, Hope Gordon. Hope Gordon is a talented member of Great Britain's highly competitive para-Canoe Squad. However, just last year she swapped her paddle for ski poles when she made her Paralympic debut at the Beijing Winter Olympics, making history as Great Britain's first ever female Nordic skier. She is now back in training and working towards the 2024 Olympics in Paris. Hope will be delivering training sessions to all year 7 students and discussing her experiences in making it as a Paralympic athlete in Team GB.

All students on the day will have the opportunity to train with Hope and then have a presentation where they will be able to learn about her journey and ask any questions they may have.

As part of this experience, year 7 students have been challenged to raise £3 each to help support athlete's such a Hope on their Olympic journey through the sponsored fitness challenge 'train like an athlete'. Every student has received a sponsorship form to take home to ask family and friends to help them meet the minimum £3. For those students that raise £5 and above there are prizes given by Hope on the day of the event. Last year, Hendon School was proud to raise over £500 for our 'Champions of Tomorrow' and are excited to host this event again this year. The deadline for the sponsorship is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All sponsorship money should be given to the students PE teacher and can be completed online using the QR code below.



If you have any questions regarding the event please contact me on [downingk@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:downingk@hendonschool.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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