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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

International Women's Day Girls' Football Tournament – Monday 10th March

We are writing to remind you of the upcoming event day for all girls in years 7, 8 and 9. To celebrate International Women's Day, we are excited to host a Girls' Football Tournament on Monday 10th March for girls in Years 7, 8, and 9. On the day, all girls will be placed into teams and will compete within their respective year groups for the chance to win the tournament trophy. This event is a fantastic opportunity to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and the empowerment of girls in football.

We are pleased to have Barnet Panthers Football Club supporting the event, providing inspiration and encouragement to our students as well as an opportunity for girls to be scouted to play competitive football in one of their teams. As an extra bonus, all girls who take part in the tournament will receive a free community training session with Barnet Panthers following the event.

Event Details:

Location: Mill Hill Powerleague, 31 Pursley Road, London NW7 2BB Timings: 8.40 am - 3.10 pm

Kit: Hendon School PE kit OR Team Colours and shin pads are strongly advised **Travel**: There will be two options for travel

- 1. Students can make their own way to and from the venue on the day.
- 2. A walking group will be available from Hendon School. Students should arrive at Hendon School at 8.15 am and will walk with staff to the venue together. This option will also be available at the end of the day with students returning to Hendon School at approximately 3.30 pm. If you would like to sign your child up for this please complete the form using this link: https://forms.office.com/e/PBbm4E6NRf

Lunch: Students will need to bring a packed lunch on the day as there will not be anywhere to purchase lunch. Students in receipt of free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

We understand many girls will be fasting on the day of the tournament. We would like to assure you that we have consulted with AfPE (Association for PE) and will be adopting their guidance with regards how best to support the girls within PE during their fast. The day has been planned to include several rest breaks for teams throughout the day, the teams have multiple substitutes to allow for time off and there will be opportunities to take on coaching roles. The event is for **all girls** to take part in, regardless of football experience and will be an inclusive supporting environment for all girls to enjoy.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to a fantastic day of football and celebration!

Kind regards,

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