

Dear Parent/Carer,

To support students in learning about ways that they can be potential lifesavers, a presentation will be delivered by The Hero Project, an education programme run by blood cancer charity Anthony Nolan to Year 13 students in next Tuesday's Personal Development lesson.

**Who is Anthony Nolan?**

Anthony Nolan is the charity which saves the lives of people with blood cancer, by matching them with incredible individuals willing to donate stem cells for transplant. In collaboration with NHS Blood and Transplant, Anthony Nolan runs The Hero Project education programme teaching 16-18-year olds about stem cell, blood and organ donation.

**What information will the presentation include?**

The presentation will introduce the concept of altruistic donation, highlight why donation matters, what is involved in donating and how people sign up as potential donors. There will also be time for students to ask questions about what they've heard.

**Joining the donor registers**

After the presentation, students will be encouraged to reflect on what they have heard and discuss with their family and peers. They will be signposted to [www.anthonynolan.org/heroes](http://www.anthonynolan.org/heroes), where they can view more information and sign up to the stem cell, blood or organ donor registers.

On Wednesday, we will be holding a donor recruitment event for students from 1.30pm -3pm in the Sixth Form Learning Area. When someone joins the Anthony Nolan stem cell register, they complete a form and complete a cheek swab. These will be completed by students, who wish to join the donor register, during the recruitment event.

If you would like to find out more about Anthony Nolan and The Hero Project, please visit [www.anthonynolan.org/education](http://www.anthonynolan.org/education)

Yours sincerely,

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