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Dear Parent

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI Scotland)

This school year your son/daughter will be taking part in the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI Scotland).

YPI is an international initiative designed to support young people in developing community awareness. Students are taught about philanthropy and charity through an experience of giving that highlights the positive impact they can have on their community. Students will work in teams to research the needs of their community and identify a local charity they believe is best placed to make a positive change. They then learn how to assess the charity's management, strategy, staffing arrangements and services. Possibly the most important aspect of YPI is the site visit students are asked to make to their chosen charity. By visiting a charity, your child will develop a real understanding of some of the challenges facing the community and will, we hope, be inspired to work to change society for the better.

Students will use their research to make presentations on the reasons their chosen charity is most deserving of support. The team judged to have made the most compelling presentation will be given a £3000 YPI Grant to award to their charity.

During this process, students develop skills in research, analysis, presentation, and communication, which all contribute to a student's growth, and confidence.

We are excited to be one of the schools across Scotland to be participating in YPI and hope that you will fully support and encourage your son/daughter in researching and visiting a local charity. As visits to charities have to be carried out at a time to best suit the charity, parents may be required to accompany/transport pupils to and from the location. More information about YPI can be found on www.YPIscotland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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