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Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Staff,

Join the Fitzharrys School team – Bidwells Town & Gown Fun Run for *Muscular Dystrophy UK*

A reminder that Fitzharrys' PE Department is assembling an official **Fitzharrys School Team** to participate in the upcoming **Bidwells Town & Gown Fun Run** in Oxford!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community—students, parents, carers, family members, and staff—to come together, get active, and support two great causes.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Bidwells Town & Gown is Oxford's premier closed-road running event, taking participants past historic city landmarks, alongside scenic rivers, and finishing in University Parks. The event is organised on behalf of **Muscular Dystrophy UK**—a charity that funds vital research and support for individuals living with muscle-wasting conditions.

KEY RACE DETAILS

- **Date & Location:** Sunday, 9th May 2027 at University Parks, Oxford.
- **Junior 3K Race:** Designed specifically for young runners aged 9–15. This flat, safe 3k route takes place around University Parks and is perfect for secondary school students.
- **Adult 10K Race:** Open to everyone aged 16 and over. A scenic, chip-timed 10k course through historic Oxford city centre, ideal for both beginner runners and experienced athletes chasing a personal best.

HOW ENTRY FEES & FUNDRAISING WORK

Please note that official event entry fees are paid directly to the event organisers upon registration, with all net proceeds from entry fees going straight to **Muscular Dystrophy UK.** They offer tiered pricing, so we encourage everyone to sign up early to secure the best rate!

3K Junior Race (Ages 9–15):

- **Standard entry** is £20.00 per runner

10K Adult Race (Ages 16+):

- **Registration Fee (Early Bird rate):** £34.00
- **General Entries:** £38.00
- **Late Entries:** £42.00

- **School JustGiving Sponsorship:** To maximise our collective impact, we've set up a central JustGiving campaign page for all team members to share with family, friends, and colleagues: **FSA Town & Gown Fun Run! - JustGiving**.
  If you'd like to set a personal fundraising target, simply click **'Be A Fundraiser'** on the main campaign page to create your own linked page. *Example:* Take a look at our team leader Mr Rees's page to see how having your own page works: **Mr Rees is fundraising for Fitzharrys School Association (FSA)**.
- **50/50 Fundraising Split:** All funds raised through our Fitzharrys' JustGiving page will be split equally between: **Muscular Dystrophy UK** (supporting life-changing research and care); and **Fitzharrys School Association (FSA)** (our registered charity, funding for extra resources and facilities to improve our children's educational opportunities and school experience).

LOGISTICS, SUPERVISION & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- **Transport & Supervision:** Please note that parents and carers are responsible for transporting their own children to and from the event in Oxford and ensuring they are supervised throughout the day.
- **Financial Support:** We are committed to ensuring that all students can access this opportunity. Financial support may be available for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium or who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

GET INVOLVED! TRAIN, RUN, & SUPPORT

We encourage as many staff, students, and parents as possible to sign up and represent Fitzharrys School. Whether you run, jog, or walk, every participant will help build team spirit while raising money for worthy causes.

1. **Training Support:** The PE department will be offering advice, training plans, and optional lunchtime running sessions leading up to race day to help students prepare for their 3k or 10k run.
2. **Spectators & Volunteers:** If you prefer not to run, we would still love to have you join our cheer squad along the route or assist on race day!

HOW TO JOIN THE TEAM

1. **Register for Your Place:** Visit the official event page (musculardystrophyuk.org/events/bidwells-oxford-10k) and select either the **3k Junior Race** or **10k Adult Race**. During registration, ensure you enter **'Fitzharrys School'** in the TEAMS field.
2. **Share Our Fundraising Campaign:** Please share our JustGiving campaign with as many potential sponsors as possible: **FSA Town & Gown Fun Run! - JustGiving**. We would love to raise lots of money for *Muscular Dystrophy UK* and *Fitzharrys School Association*!

If you have any questions, please contact me. Let's get active, raise money, and make this a memorable event for Fitzharrys!

Best wishes,

Mr Rees

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