



13th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sponsored Silence Fundraiser

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming Grammar Stream fundraising and community engagement event, taking place over the weekend of **January 31st**, which your child has been invited to participate in.

As part of our commitment to service learning and community involvement, Grammar Stream students will be supporting **Refugee Support Europe (RSE)** by taking part in a **sponsored silence**. Funds raised will support RSE's **Bournemouth-based Dignity Centre**, which provides vital practical assistance to displaced people.

About Refugee Support Europe and the Dignity Centre

Founded in 2016, Refugee Support Europe provides practical support for displaced people, fosters solidarity, and advocates for systemic change. RSE bridges the critical gap between arrival and settlement through a dignified, choice-based system that offers essential goods in welcoming community spaces. Their work challenges hostility towards displaced people and demonstrates that a different kind of welcome is possible — one rooted in **dignity, solidarity, and community**.

The Sponsored Silence

Students may choose **one** of the following options:

- **Physical Silence:** 12 hours without verbal communication
OR
- **Digital Silence:** 24 hours without phones, tablets, or television

Students can choose their own start time and ask friends and family to sponsor them. Devices can be handed over to parents or carers for accountability, and students are encouraged to prepare with pen and paper for important questions—or even practise charades!

Participation is **optional**. Students who are unable to take part in either form of silence will still be actively involved by supporting their peers with fundraising and helping to promote the event as part of the Grammar Stream's leadership in volunteer and community work.

How You Can Help

We kindly ask for your support by:

- Encouraging your child's participation where possible
- Helping to supervise or support the silence period
- Sponsoring your child or helping them gather sponsorship from friends and family



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This event provides a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on communication, empathy, and social responsibility, while raising much-needed funds for an important local cause.

The fundraising page will close on February 6th. Donations can be made to the GoFundMe page via this QR code or the link: <https://gofund.me/6da01c750>



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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