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Dear Parents/Carers

Traditionally, over the last few years, The Castle School has collected donations for 'Somerset Domestic Violence' (formerly 'Taunton Women's Aid'). These donations are always well received and very much appreciated. Last year, we also supported a second local charity, the Taunton Association for the Homeless (TAH) and we would like to do the same again this year. This charity is currently supporting 151 homeless people in the Taunton area as well as 20-40 rough sleepers in the town. The TAH has two main properties in the town providing the homeless with three meals a day. They also have three satellite houses where they accommodate younger people. We know that some of our students have used this accommodation when family relationships have broken down.

Christmas can be a difficult time without the support of family and friends so we would like to support these charities by asking each tutor group to collect items for a Christmas hamper. We have been given some suggestions as follows:

General items

- ❖ Clean single sheets, duvet covers and pillowcases
- ❖ Clean towels – hand and bath
- ❖ Clean flannels
- ❖ Shampoo and conditioner
- ❖ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ❖ A toilet roll
- ❖ Bath and shower gels and hand wash
- ❖ Hand and body lotion
- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Tea, coffee and sugar
- ❖ UHT milk
- ❖ Fruit flavoured squash
- ❖ Tinned and dried food

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Christmas presents for Adults

- ❖ High street vouchers
- ❖ Toiletry sets
- ❖ Scarves and gloves
- ❖ Chocolates
- Manicure sets
- Totes socks/slippers
- Cushions
- Wheatybags

Christmas presents for Children and Young Adults

- ❖ High street vouchers (including vouchers for older children/young adults eg DVDs, music, cinema and bowling)
- ❖ Toiletry sets for older children/young adults
- ❖ Nail art sets/nail varnish and hair products for older children/young adults.
- ❖ Colouring books and crayons
- ❖ Fancy dress
- ❖ Art and craft materials
- Board games for all ages
- Jigsaws
- Chocolates

We will ask that the hampers are kept in the form rooms. The collection will start on Monday 20 November for just over three weeks until Wednesday 13 December. We will then arrange for the hampers to be delivered to the two charities.

I would like to thank you for supporting these causes. Your donations will make a difference to them at this time.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Return to Learning