



6 November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

***“The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”***

This Christmas we will be collecting items for Bexley Food Bank, which is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust; working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Students in Years 7 and 8 are being asked to donate items to contribute to a class Christmas hamper. Each hamper will be decorated by the form and entered into a house competition with the most festive decorations receiving house points. All twelve hampers from across Years 7 and 8 will then be donated to Bexley Foodbank, in time for Christmas.

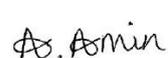
Items that are suitable for donation include non-perishable foods and toiletries. We are unable to accept medication and foods containing alcohol. There is a list of urgently needed items on the Bexley Foodbank website at <https://bexley.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> and it includes:

- Tinned meat & fish
- Childrens’ toiletries
- Selection boxes
- Mashed potato
- Tinned or packet custard
- Sponge puddings
- Long life orange juice
- Size 5 nappies
- Jars of coffee
- Small boxes of washing powder.

The hampers will be collected by the Foodbank on Wednesday 11 December so we are asking that donations are sent into school by **Friday 6 December** at the latest. This will give us time to ensure each hamper is packed appropriately and decorated in time for the house competition. We will be displaying the finished hampers at school and, of course, these will feature in the weekly School Blog

We would be very grateful for any donation(s) you are able to make towards our Christmas charity and appreciate your support. Please take a look at the Bexley Foodbank website <https://bexley.foodbank.org.uk/> or contact us if you need any further information.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs Takeda, Head of Year 8 and Mrs Amin, Head of Year 7**