

**Headteacher: Mr James McGeachie**

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Becket School and our Trust are proud to be working to support a Catholic community in the remote Upper East region of Ghana in the Parish of Our Lady of Hope, Bunkpurugu. The community live close to the borders of Burkina Faso and Togo; this is an area that is cut off in rainy season and is relatively forgotten about. With just one mud building that serves as a classroom, our aim is to work as a community alongside our feeder primary schools to support them in establishing a school that will serve young people in the area.

One year into our efforts as a Trust, we have supported the drilling of a bore hole supplying the young people with clean water and sanitation. We have also been able to pay for foundations and support local builders and volunteers from the parish in laying the foundations for the school. The next step is to raise funds for the walls of the building and a roof.

On *Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September* we have organised a 5k walk/run for our young people to take part in. We are asking for every family to try to raise £5 to help send enough for the school's walls to be built and for a roof, so the building is water tight before the rainy season begins.

Students will be able to donate either via our virgin giving page on the Be Inspirational page by clicking on 'Buy a Brick' <https://www.beinspirational.co.uk/buy-a-brick-for-bunkpurugu/>. Alternatively, students will be asked to bring their donation on the morning of the event which will be collected during tutor time.

We hope the event will be an opportunity for every student to take part in a whole-school community event, give back to our wider global community and have fun.

Students will be allowed to come in their own sportswear for the day and may wish to bring a second pair of trainers/shoes, if the weather is damp. Students will only be out of lessons for one hour, so it is important they still bring all books and equipment needed on that day. Students will also have needed to complete the Parental Consent Form (EV4), which you should have already received, please contact the school office if you require another copy.

We thank you for your support in this charitable endeavour and will continue to record the progress of all the efforts of the students here and the build as it continues in Bunkpurugu.

Best wishes

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Teacher of English/Progress Leader Year 12 and Year 13

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