



Thursday 10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is Jeans for Genes week nationally.

It is estimated that 1 in 10 families in the UK are affected by a genetic condition. Many of these genetic disorders impact significantly on the quality of a young person's life.

Some of these genetic disorders also reduce the life expectancy of a person.

Jeans for Genes is an organisation that offers the opportunity for one donation to be shared with many well-deserving charities. Some of these charities have been founded by the families of young people with genetic disorders when they found their own experiences difficult and wanted to support others. These families (and sometimes the young person themselves) decided to make a change so that others needn't find themselves lost or overwhelmed.

The many charities that Jeans for Genes donates to offer.

- Funding for medical research.
 - To improve the quality of life.
 - To increase the life expectancy of people with some disorders.
- Support for families in the home.
- Funding for hospital-based schools for students unable to attend mainstream education.
- Funding for support groups and trips with appropriate measures in place.
- Nursing and care and many more: See link [here](#) for information.

This week the Science department has delivered assemblies to all year groups to raise awareness of this fantastic cause. The students listened well, and it has led to some valuable conversations with their peers and teachers.

Assemblies have been considerate to the age of the students and experiences they may have. We cover what your genes are, the fact that mutations can occur and how genetic disorders might affect a person. Our focus is on the wonderful work that the charities do to support young people and families.

Creating a “normal” for them where possible and allowing them access to things that many of us might take for granted.

How can GMS community help?

- **Parents/Carers: WisePay donations**– suggested £1.
Open now until Monday 21st September
- **Students: Take part in the Accessories BINGO**
*Students can wear 1 or more accessory (from the attached leaflet) to school on **Thursday 17th September** and hunt out others wearing the items shown*
Students that manage to complete their BINGO card and donated on WisePay will be entered to the prize draw for their Year Group (Amazon Voucher!)

I thank you in advance for your support of our efforts to raise money for such a fantastic cause.

Please note: Only items from the BINGO card are to be worn with their uniform – *Alternative footwear (excluding trainers), denim shorts/skirts are not listed.*

Kind regards,

Mrs. Jen Webster

Head of Science