

KH/RP/TM/MiniMarathon

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,



TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools

Barr Beacon School
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We are excited to inform you that pupils in Years 7–9 will be taking part in a Mini Marathon during their PE lesson time following our return from the Easter half-term break. Classes will be informed of exact dates nearer to the time, allowing students to be as prepared as possible.

During their lesson, pupils will run as far as they can within the lesson time, challenging themselves to demonstrate perseverance, resilience and determination. This event forms part of our Personal Development programme, promoting commitment to healthy and active lifestyles while also encouraging pupils to contribute positively to the wider community.

This year, we are proud to be raising money for the Matrix Academy Trust charity, Papyrus. Papyrus is a national charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people. They provide confidential support and advice through services such as HOPELINE247, as well as working with schools and communities to help save young lives.

To take part, we are asking each pupil to aim to raise a minimum of £10 in sponsorship. If we work together as a school community to achieve this target, we could raise approximately £2,700 per year group and over £8,000 in total — an incredible achievement.

We want our pupils to be part of something wonderful, and supporting others as a community is a great place to start! We will be rewarding pupils with the who achieve the greatest distances, as well as those who able to complete the most fundraising for the event.

Please follow the link below to begin collecting sponsorship:
<https://bit.ly/bbsfundraising>

We are incredibly proud of our pupils' fundraising efforts. Last year, we raised over £7,000 as a school for Birmingham Children's Hospital, and this year we would like to strive to achieve even more for such an important cause.

The event will take place on the school grounds, during PE lessons and will be fully supervised by the PE department. If your child has any medical conditions (such as asthma) that may affect their participation, please ensure they have their inhaler or required medication with them on the day and that the school has up-to-date medical information.



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Thank you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to an enjoyable, active and meaningful event for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,



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