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## Whole School Houses Charity 2025/26 - Garden House Hospice, Letchworth

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to announce that after much deliberation we have decided that our Whole School Houses charity for this school year will be the amazing Garden House Hospice in Letchworth.

Following lots of student nominations, the Heads of House and Senior Leadership Group all agreed that it was the perfect choice, especially given the serious funding crisis in which Garden House currently finds themselves.

If you would like to read more about this please visit their [website](#) for more information.

As a school community, the amazing support and care that Garden House Hospice provides has directly impacted on many of our lives as they have cared for loved ones, family members, friends and even colleagues.

We wrote to Garden House earlier in the week and received this wonderful reply:

*Dear HGS,*

*Thank you so much for your wonderful email to share how Hitchin Girls' School has chosen us as your House Charity this year. This is really heartwarming news and couldn't have come at a better time for us here at Garden House Hospice Care in our current crisis situation. It's a difficult time. We are so grateful to your Charity prefects and school community for choosing us, so please say a huge thank you from us all here at the hospice.*

*The list of events you already have planned sounds incredible and we would love to hear more. Thank you again, this is absolutely fantastic news, and I look forward to speaking with you soon.*

*With our best wishes,  
The Community Fundraising Team*

*P.S We have a few ex-HGS girls working here, including myself, so this feels extra special to have been chosen.*

We are really excited about the year ahead and how, in some small way, we will be able to help such a worthy, vital and important charity to be able to continue to support patients and their families when they are most in need. We



have lots of exciting events planned and hope that you will join us in raising awareness, supporting our fundraising efforts and even perhaps getting involved as a family via their various volunteer opportunities and other associated events.

To kick start our efforts here in school, next Friday (24 October) Austen and Teresa House will be running the first of our 4 annual big House charity events - **our Thrift Sale in the Lower School Hall between 12:45 - 1:25pm.**

This is where we need your help...

- ★ We are looking for any used, but still in good condition, clothing your child or their siblings no longer wears and could be donated to a good cause. Shoes, tops, trousers, dresses, jumpers, skirts, shorts, coats, bags will be accepted.
- ★ Please bring clothing items to school in a bag labelled 'Thrift Shop' between now and **Thursday 23 October**. Donations should be given to Mr Pateman, who can be found between M19 and M20 in the Art Department.

We will then be making a pop-up shop for all students to visit and pick up a bargain; giving the items a new life.

All items will be priced between £1-5 so if your child wishes to come and snap up a bargain, we encourage them to bring some spare change with them. A card machine will also be available.

Alongside the clothing sale we will also be offering a cake stall for treats and refreshments while people explore the pop-up shop. With this in mind if you have any budding bakers at home we would be very grateful for donations of cakes and sweet treats on the day itself to help raise even more money for this very worthy cause.

- ★ If you are able to bake cakes/biscuits etc we would be very grateful. In order to support all of our community, we ask that you write out the ingredients used for your bake so that we can protect those with intolerances or allergies. Some of our community have severe allergies so this is extremely important please; with this in mind **please do not bake using nuts of any type.**

All bakes should be brought to the conference room during registration on 24 October where Austen and Teresa Prefects will greet you.

Please note that any clothing items that do not sell on the day will be taken to the Garden House Hospice shop in town as donations to continue our support.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Cooper and the House Team