



6th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ref: ANVIL House Challenge

As part of our commitment to develop our students into global citizens each house has selected a Charity to support this academic year. Anvil House have chosen to support The Steve Bernard Foundation, a local charity that works to offer support for schools, groups and individuals involved in sport.

The Steve Bernard Foundation was set up in memory of the affectionately named Stevie B following his tragic passing in a car accident in November 2005. Following his death, his family and friends were inundated with support and donations. It seemed right, even in the earliest stages that these funds should go to that which Steve loved best, Sport.

Since the foundation was formed in February 2006, it has gone on to raise more than **£700,000** for sporting projects based across Bournemouth, Dorset and the South Coast. To date, the foundation has supported more than **600 projects** covering more than 30 sports and 4 continents.

The foundation has previously donated a class set of fitness equipment and tents for DofE to The Bourne Academy and so the students of Anvil House want to repay this act of kindness.

I am delighted to inform you that the Academy will be coming together to raise money by completing a **House Challenge to virtually climb Mount Everest**. This will take place on **Friday 14 February** during the school day.

Students will sign up for 10 minute slots for their houses to 'climb' on Aerobic Steps in an attempt to complete the 58,070 steps needed to reach the summit of Everest.

All arrangements, sign ups and climbing will be completed within the normal school day. Climbers **may bring trainers** to climb in if they wish but they will not need PE kit for this activity.

Donations to the Steve Bernard Foundation can be made on Just Giving via the link below. Every penny counts and, if eligible, gift aid can be added to any donations on this platform creating more funds for the charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/anvil-everest?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Please encourage your child to sign up for this challenge and together we can help The Steve Bernard Foundation support more sporting endeavours in the future.

Any questions please do contact me at school: katy.plunkett@thebourneacademy.com

Yours sincerely

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