



Martin House Children's Hospice

6 February 2019

Dear Year 7 & 8 Parents/Carers/Students

CAN YOU STAY AWAKE FROM DUSK TO DAWN OR EVEN LONGER?

For several years now, one of our major fundraising events for the year's charity project has been a 24-hour sponsored StayAwake. Students will be sponsored for the number of hours without sleep, thereby raising money for this year's School Charity – Martin House.

This year the StayAwake will take place from 9:30pm on Friday 15 March to 8.00am on Saturday 16 March. **Would parents please ensure that all students are collected between 7:45am and 8:00am at the latest.** We are assuming, perhaps wrongly, that all students will remain awake during the school day. Participants will go home at the end of the school day for normal Friday evening activities, returning to school in non-uniform between 9.15 and 9.30pm to sign in for the StayAwake. During the night, students will be able to join in many activities, including artwork, drama, board games, football and basketball. It will also be possible to read quietly or just chat.

The number of participants will be limited. Staying awake all night can be stressful and only students who can behave properly in normal school hours will be offered a place.

To conclude the StayAwake, a Survivors' Breakfast will be served in the Hub from 7:00am. In previous years we have asked for donations of food towards breakfast, but as we are providing the food this year, we hope parents may add a little to their child's sponsor money to help cover the cost.

Please help us raise as much money as we can for Martin House. Previous StayAwakes have raised in the region of £4,500. Can we do better this year? If your son/daughter would like to take part in the StayAwake, please follow the link below to complete the online form.

[Stayawake 2019](#)

Yours sincerely

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