



Lancing College

Senior School & Sixth Form

From:
The Head Master
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Dear Parents,

The end of a very full term is approaching and when I chatted to the pupils at Brunch on Sunday there was an immediate smile from everyone at the mention of the break to come. However, you will not be surprised to hear that amidst the happy anticipation there is still a significant undertone of concern about the situation in Ukraine.

There is a great deal of care and support for those affected directly and a strong desire in the community more broadly to be able to do something practical to help those who are refugees or otherwise struggling. Many parents too have very generously been in touch to offer help of various kinds. As the situation develops we will be working too with the local authorities to see what help we can offer, immediately and into the future, to refugee families.

How can parents help?

Some of you have let us know that you are giving in the College's name to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Ukraine and I have repeated the link here:



[Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk)

There will be some fundraising for the DEC going on amongst the students later in the week.

Hardship Fund

The College is setting up a Ukraine hardship fund to help those parents of our current pupils who are suffering the financial impact of this terrible conflict. Parents have already indicated a desire to help out fellow families who are suffering the effects of the war. Any sums you are able to give to this hardship fund will be ringfenced from any other funds and will go directly to assist them. Regardless of parent contributions the College itself will aim to be as generous and helpful as possible and we will also seek to match any funds raised by parents.

Other assistance

My grateful thanks go to parents who have already offered practical help, including the offer to host students over holidays, exeats etc., particularly as we move into next term. Do let us know if you would like to join that list.

All offers of support are very gratefully received. This is a time of upheaval and a moment when the Lancing family can come together to make a real difference to those in need. If you would like to be involved in any way, please do get in touch directly with us using this special email address so that we can co-ordinate the best way to give help to those suffering in this awful situation: ukraineappeal@lancing.org.uk.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.