

31st October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

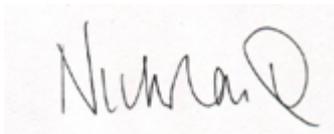
I am delighted to be able to tell you that during the summer we applied to Tesco Groundwork – Bags of Help programme for funding to build an additional bicycle shelter, as many of our students cannot find space to park their bikes in the existing shelter.

The good news is that we have been successfully short-listed. However now our success depends to an extent on your support. We will only secure the full funding - £8000 - if we win the 'in store' vote. I hope therefore that if you use Tesco and you get the chance to vote with the blue tokens you will vote for our project. The period of the vote lasts from November 1st to December 31st. I would also like to ask you if you could publicise our campaign as the more votes we get the more likely we are to succeed.

Can I also take this opportunity to encourage those of you who have students who cycle to school to wear helmets? Research shows that helmets reduce head injuries by 70% and neck injuries by 65%. Furthermore it seems you only need to be travelling at under 5 miles an hour – the same as a brisk walking pace – to sustain serious head injuries if knocked off your bike and not wearing a helmet. As a keen cyclist with teenage children of my own I do understand that at times the 'battle of the helmet' can be draining, however I do feel it is important to raise awareness of this issue.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. I will of course keep you posted on our 'success'.

With best wishes



Nick Froy

Principal