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Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be raising awareness for World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October.

As a community, we are only too aware of the effects that child suicide can have and on Tuesday we will be remembering former Ripley pupil, Thomas Gudgeon, and Lucas Backhouse, son of Mrs Angela Backhouse.

A non-uniform day for pupils and staff will be held, aiming to raise money for two wonderful charities that support young people and their families: Papyrus and Young Minds.

[Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](https://www.papyrus-uk.org/)

[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)

We ask that all those who participate in this non-uniform day support the #HelloYellow campaign, 'Stand Out and Show Up', by wearing a yellow item of clothing or a yellow accessory, and we eagerly await seeing how Miss Western will top her yellow banana costume from last year!

Please donate online by using our new ParentPay system, selecting 'Hello Yellow Non-Uniform Day' from the 'new items' list. You are able to select a donation amount, from a £1 suggested minimum to a £10 maximum. This payment option will be available until 13th October. Cash donations can be handed in to Progress Tutors on the day, if preferred.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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