

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



9th July 2018

JCO/VLU/GregNonUniform

Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday 13th July the Leigh Academies Trust Academies will be observing a non-uniform day with a blue theme to raise funds for Greg Keating, an ICT Teacher from Mascalls Academy who earlier this year contracted meningococcal sepsis and Neisseria meningitis. Initially, doctors feared for his life as the sepsis caused total organ failure along with necrosis of the legs and fingers, resulting in him being placed in a coma for 6 weeks. Remarkably and against the odds Greg pulled through but tragically because of the infection he lost both of his legs and 9 of his fingers during his recovery.

Over the last few months Greg has shown remarkable strength and courage to get back to as normal a life as possible. He is a truly inspiring individual who is currently undergoing significant rehabilitation to allow him to return to the classroom at some point in the next 6-8 months. Greg believes that every child deserves an education and despite his disabilities wants to return to teaching to inspire and encourage the younger generation and provide them with the IT skills required for this technical age and to show them despite however many times you are knocked down, pick yourself up and keep going.

Greg is a Gillingham FC fan. All students and staff across Leigh Academies Trust are therefore being invited to wear Gillingham and Mascalls blue for Greg to raise funds. This will be used to purchase better quality prosthetic limbs to help him get around more easily. Greg has already raised over £32,000 through donations from friends, family and the Mascalls Academy community and our target is now to raise the final £20,000 that he needs to get back in the classroom.

This Friday 13th please encourage your son/daughter to wear non-uniform, with something blue, for a minimum donation of £1 towards the Greg Keating appeal.

If you would like to join the fundraising efforts you can donate directly to Greg's cause via his appeal page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gregsfund2walkagain>

On behalf of Greg and his family thank you for supporting this valuable cause.

Yours faithfully

Julia Collins
Principal

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