



## Woodhouse Academy

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As some of you may be aware, our year 8 have been very busy during PSHE during the last two weeks creating 'comfort parcels' and messages of support to be sent to British and American troops serving in Iraq in the fight against ISIS. The project was developed and led by our Head Boy, Joseph Peach, whose father has recently served in Baghdad. Our pupils (and their parents/ guardians!) have been extremely generous in their donations of snacks, toiletries and small gifts and altogether year 8 have managed to pack, wrap and label 84 boxes that will be sent directly to Joseph's dad's unit after half term. As ever, our pupils have done us extremely proud; not only in terms of their generosity, but also in terms of their support to Joseph at this difficult time and in their collaborative skills which they have demonstrated by working together in teams to make the 'parcel pack' a success. A special mention should also be given to Rhys Gower (8C) and his family who have gone above and beyond in contributing 34 parcels!

On behalf of Joseph and his parents I would like to say a huge thank you for supporting Woodhouse Academy and the Peach family with our endeavour which has raised our pupil's awareness of the work that the Armed Forces do for us both at home and abroad. Please find below an extract from an email received by Joseph from Colonel Tim Hopes who currently leads the Unit in Baghdad where the boxes are being sent:

***"Thank you for your note and for everything that you, your Mum, and Year 8 at Woodhouse Academy have done to support the troops out here in Iraq. I have a daughter who is in Year 8 (so I know you guys get loads of homework) so thank you for taking the time to write and for sending the parcels. It is greatly appreciated and good to know that, whilst we may be a long way from home, good people like you are thinking of us. Once again thank you to you and your year for everything you've done, and also to you and your family as I know it is tough being apart from your loved ones. Knowing that you are supporting us makes the job all the more worthwhile and time pass a little swifter before we come home."***

We will keep you abreast of any replies we receive from Baghdad.

Regards,

**Miss J Zakrzewski**  
KS3 Leader