



## PRESS RELEASE

**The Crypt School raises almost £20,000 to help support cancer diagnosis and treatment in Gloucestershire.**



I was delighted today to present, alongside Andy Hart, our enrichment coordinator at school, and our top 6 student fundraisers (Ollie, Amber, Hunter, Amelia, Beau, Sachi), cheques to both the Cobalt Medical Imaging Centre, Cheltenham, and the Oncology Department based at

Cheltenham General Hospital to help support their important work.

Together with donations given via just giving pages from our wonderfully generous parental body and the many friends of the School, the students and staff at Crypt raised almost £20,000, which we have split between the two organisations, both of whom work tirelessly to help diagnose, treat and support people with cancer.

The students, supported by the school staff, their families, and friends at home, were challenged to raise £10,000 for the Cobalt Centre and Cheltenham's Oncology department, through taking part in our Miles for Miles Challenge. On Friday 27th of October, the whole school, encouraged by Andy Hart and other staff, spent time on our athletics track, running 1, 5, 10, 15 or 20 Km, or more and through setting their own personal physical challenge, were asked to raise £10 each. Rather than raise just under £10,000, the students and staff raised a staggering £20,000 - a remarkable achievement in just one day. Our top student fundraisers and all other students and staff who took part in the Miles for Miles challenge for Cancer should be immensely proud of themselves: their efforts in raising so much money will help so many people and their families. I know how important the work of the Cobalt Centre and the Oncology department is, having myself been diagnosed and treated for cancer only last



year. The care and support I received was exceptional, and I am therefore personally hugely indebted to our Crypt community, who rallied to that cause in late October.

Thank you to Emily Williams, Ella Mason (Cheltenham, Gloucester Hospitals Charity) and Julia Jenkins (Cobalt) for coming into school today to receive their cheques and I thank them on behalf of everyone at school, and for all those whose lives find their way to their doors, for their exceptional work and for the care that they provide.



Nicholas Dyer  
**Headmaster**

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