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Dear Parent/Carer

All the staff and pupils at Canon Lee Specialist Arts College are invited to help 'denimise the nation' by wearing their jeans on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, national Jeans for Genes Day.

Jeans for Genes is an appeal by seven national charities, including Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, the National Deaf Children's Society and the Sickle Cell Society, to raise funds for research into genetic disorders affecting children and to provide valuable advice and support for families.

In the UK, one baby in every 33 - the equivalent of around one in every class of schoolchildren - is born with a genetic disorder or birth defect, many of which are life-threatening and have no current treatment.

To help the campaign to raise this year's target of at least £3 million, Canon Lee Specialist Arts College has decided to allow everyone to wear jeans (other casual trousers are also allowed if you do not have jeans) for the day in exchange for a £1 donation. We hope that you are happy for your child to participate, and we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child brings the donation to school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Simply by wearing jeans and donating £1 your child will help make an impression on the lives of children with genetic disorders.

If you would like to know more about the appeal, you can visit the appeal's website at [www.jeansforgenes.com](http://www.jeansforgenes.com) or order your own fundraising pack through the freephone hotline 0800 980 4800.

Yours sincerely

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