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Dear Parents/Carers

## Given to Shine Launch

On Monday 4th February, all YBA female pupils will be invited to an Assembly that will introduce the 'Given to Shine' initiative. This is a scheme which will allow girls to be given, free of charge, reusable sanitary products so that they can make careful choices about what products to use in light of personal issues of comfort, the hugely topical worldwide issue of plastic disposal (e.g. there are four plastic bags in one single use pad), as well as helping to tackle the problem of 'period poverty' in the area. Following a survey of 500 pupils across the Wrexham Borough, more than a quarter of pupil respondents have taken time off secondary school in the last year because of lack of access to sanitary products.

Support in the form of funding for this initiative has been given by the National Lottery, Skipton Building Society and Lush, to name but a few. All girls in the Wrexham, Denbighshire, Flintshire, West Cheshire and Wirral areas will be given a pack free of charge, we are lucky enough to be the first launch school. The pack will include instructions and a selection of different size sanitary towels or, if the girls prefer, reusable 'cups' for those who use Tampons. On Monday a speaker from the 'Given to Shine' initiative will explain to the girls how to use them and the benefits of use both to them and the environment before handing them out at the end of the assembly.

If you DO NOT wish your daughter to be part of this assembly, please opt out by sending a note via her form tutor on Monday.

Please support the scheme by listening to your daughter and asking her about the initiative after the assembly day. Menstrual products do impact hugely on the environment and, in a female's lifetime, 11,000 products will be used which can end up in oceans and landfill. It is a difficult subject for some and it is important that we raise awareness and give the girls an opportunity to make informed decisions for themselves and for the environment.

Kind regards

Mrs Slinn  
Headteacher