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Dear Parents,

RE: Changing Lives in Nepal

A group of Ampleforth students is travelling to Nepal in October 26. Part of the expedition is to support the **PAHAR Trust**. This is a charity which builds, restores, and maintains schools for children in Nepal, many from the villages where the British army recruit Gurkha soldiers. Over the last ten years, Ampleforth has been in regular contact with the Trust and the College's links with Nepal and the Gurkhas go back a long way. OA Capt. Michael Allmand won a VC for bravery fighting with the Gurkhas in 1944 and our former CCF Contingent commander, Lt Col Blackford, was a Gurkha officer. Christian Cain (H19) joined the Gurkhas, one of only six British officers selected each year.

To raise funds for the Pahar Trust we are organising a charity auction and we need your help. **We are looking for donated items and prizes that can be auctioned off.** This could be an experience, such as a weekend stay at a holiday home, a round of golf, behind-the-scenes tour of your workplace, vouchers for a restaurant or spas, or some luxury goods, or services such as consultancy sessions or photography packages. No donation is too large or too small — every single item will help us raise vital funds for children who have far fewer opportunities than we do.

If you are able to donate an item or prize, please get in touch by emailing Mrs Hare anna.hare@ampleforth.org.uk. Please include a brief description of what you would like to offer. We kindly ask that all donations be submitted by Monday 18 May 26 so that we have time to prepare the auction catalogue. The auction will take place after the CCF parade at Exhibition on 23 May.

Thank you — your generosity will change lives.

With warmest regards,

Roman,

on behalf of the Nepal Project Team Ampleforth College in support of the PAHAR Trust