

Richmond School



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FUNDRAISING at a North Yorkshire school has moved up a gear as staff and students prepare for a trip to India.

Auctions of promises and non-uniform days are the latest in a string of events designed to swell the coffers which will fund a Richmond School trip to Tamil Nadu in the summer.

Twenty sixth form students need to raise £800 each to finance the three week trip to work in the Amala Children's Home and a school from July 24.

Students have had to write letters of application outlining what they can offer for the trip and obtain two references.

Religious studies teacher Kate Craven said: "There is a real buzz in school at the moment as the students think of ways to raise the funds. Everyone is being inventive and very supportive."

Two students – Robert Mooney and Max Coates – raised £550 recently with a six mile bike ride.

A non-uniform day aims to raise hundreds more along with an auction of promises with prizes ranging from a holiday in Scotland to meals out at top restaurants.

"Tamil Nadu is a very poor area," Mrs Craven said. "It does have electricity but it is remote and rural.

"But we get a fabulous reception; people are really pleased to see us and even organise a cricket match for us."

Four members of staff and the students will also be working in the local school teaching English, with particular emphasis on pronunciation, geography, maths and science.

"Everyone at school is really excited about the trip and, while we have a lot to do yet to make it happen, we are up and ready for the challenge," she said.
