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## **IMPACT CARE AWARDS 2020**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to invite your High School child to participate in the challenging and exciting project relaunch – Impact Care Awards 2020.

It is so important to encourage our youth to participate in hands-on care and community work for a variety of reasons:

First of all, they will discover the pleasure of helping others less fortunate. This itself is a highly rewarding experience for both the teenagers and the recipients of their care.

Secondly, we are looking towards the future to ensure the continuity of our wonderful community organisations. If our youngsters experience an enjoyable taste of community care, then we can hope that one day as adults in a Jewish Community they will willingly volunteer to help in the organisations, maintaining a much-needed young presence in community activities.

Finally, when youth are involved in positive and constructive activities, they have no time to be distracted by negative "street" influences.

Such activities will also enhance a CV such as their personal statement on their UCAS Application Form and may count towards a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The scheme will be launched on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December where various community care organisations will present projects for the teenagers to choose from. The teens may work alone or in small groups. The duration of the scheme is for two months from January till March. This is planned so as to minimise interference with school exams.

At the conclusion there will be a prestigious and fitting Celebration Dinner where the teenagers will receive awards and prizes for their efforts.

During the scheme teens will discover and acquire personal skills in several areas: teamwork; empathy with those less fortunate; organisational skills as they plan, monitor, and assess their activities. Their successes will strengthen self-esteem.

There are so many benefits from this project that we sincerely hope you will encourage and support your child's participation.

We look forward to seeing your child at the Launch on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

With best wishes,

Mendy & Bunie