

Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our Lenten observance, Queen Margaret Academy will hold a sponsored fast in aid of SCIAF on Wednesday 1 April. This is an important opportunity for our young people to stand in solidarity with those facing hunger and hardship.

This Lent, our school community is reflecting on what it means to bring hope into the world. Through prayer and action, we are encouraging our young people to recognise Christ in those who suffer and to let their light shine through small acts of sacrifice and compassion. Our SCIAF Fast is one way we stand together in solidarity with families who face hunger every day.

We were blessed this year to welcome Father Benjamin and Bishop Dougan, who led us in prayer services and helped our pupils reflect on the meaning of sacrifice, hope and service.

How Pupils Can Take Part

Pupils may participate in the sponsored fast in one of the following ways:

- Traditional Fast – Parents/carers decide what is appropriate for their child
- Sponsored Silence – Pupils remain silent for the school day; whiteboards will be provided
- Technology Fast – Pupils avoid phones and digital devices during the school day

We encourage as many pupils and staff as possible to take part as a sign of solidarity with those who experience hunger daily.

A sponsor form will be issued, and donations can be made in cash or via ParentPay. SCIAF Wee Boxes will also be available for anyone who wishes to raise additional funds at home.

If your child would like to participate, please return the permission slip to our school office.

Thank you for your support during this Lenten season of hope and renewal.

Kind regards

Matthew Crammond
Principal Teacher of Religious Education

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Please return to Mr Crammond, Religious Education

SCIAF – Sponsorship Fast

Pupil Name: _____

Reg Class: _____

I give/ do not give permission for my child to take part in the Sponsorship Fast on 1 April 2026

My child would like to take part in (please tick below)

Traditional Fast

Sponsored Silence

Technology Fast

Parent/carer signature: _____

Date: _____