

# The Online Auction

## Why is there an Online Auction?

The Online Auction is an initiative being launched by the Community Projects team. There are many vulnerable families within the local area. Some may be in financial difficulty, some may have suffered a recent bereavement, some may be involved in cases of abuse. These families often struggle at Christmas time – emotional, physical and financial difficulties mean that the holidays can be very stressful for them.

## What will happen to the money raised?

We will use the funds to put together Christmas hampers and gifts for vulnerable families in the Buckingham area, in order to allow them to celebrate this festive time of year with their loved ones. The money raised through the online auction will allow the Community Projects team to purchase food items, hygiene products, cards, wrapping materials and gifts which can be distributed to these families.

## The Online Auction – What is it?

Between Sunday 15 November and Tuesday 17 November, Stoics will be able to bid for the following items. For each item, Stoics are able to bid anywhere within the range of £0.01 to £25. Any bids made outside of this price range will not be counted. A VLE link will be sent to Stoics when the auction opens.

1. A photoshoot and edited digital images at Stowe for you and 3 friends.
2. A 'Get out of Prep Free' card (Single use only)
3. A take away for you and 2 friends
4. An ice cream sundae bar for you and your tutor group
5. A Stowe swag bag
6. Breakfast in bed served by your Head of House
7. A sweet and chocolate hamper
8. A box of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
9. A House Prefect will be your PA for the day
10. A spa day hamper
11. A Katsu Curry cooking class for you and 2 friends
12. Be Headteacher for the day.
13. A home clothes day for you and your tutor group.
14. A Sunday afternoon baking class for you and 1 friend. You will learn to bake 1 savoury and 1 sweet item.
15. A hamper of baked goods.

## How will items be won in the auction?

Each item will be awarded to the Stoic who has made the highest unique bid for it. This ensures that items are accessible to all Stoics, as the highest single bid may not necessarily be the one which wins.

For example, if an item receives 3 bids of £25, and 1 bid of £24.98, the winner of the item is the Stoic who placed the bid of £24.98. If no unique bid is made for an item, the item will be won by the highest bid that was placed first.

## How will payment be made?

By participating in the online auction, Stoics are agreeing that the sum they have bid is deducted from their Pocket Money accounts. Should the amount bid not be available in their Pocket Money account when the auction closes, then the item will pass to the next highest unique bid.

Once the auction has closed, Stoics and their parents will be emailed details of the items they have won. **If you would like to donate a higher amount at this stage**, further details can be provided to allow you to contribute further to this worthwhile cause.

