

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We would like to give you some information about an unusual charity event happening next Tuesday 3rd October at IST. Mr Podbury and a group of 22 students were planning to travel to Morocco next month for a six-day trip, but this has been postponed due to the devastating earthquake that impacted the Atlas Mountains. The earthquake has caused severe damage to communities that we were due to visit in the area. One of our link projects is Education For All ([click the link to find out what they do](#)) which is located in the small town of Asni, and which Mr Podbury was fortunate to visit in November 2022. The quake has had a devastating impact on their operations, destroying four of their six boarding houses and orphaning several of the girls that they sponsor. With great sadness last week, it was also announced that one of their young students lost her life, following the disaster.

Whilst our IST students are disappointed not to be visiting in October, they have been proactive in looking for ways to help and raise some funds to send across to Education For All and the wider community in Asni. A group of older secondary students have decided to show solidarity with affected communities in the Atlas by building and then sleeping in makeshift shelters in the school yard on the night of Tuesday 3rd October 2023. Our primary colleagues have allowed us to use their crates and planks to create our shelters and the students will be bringing their own sleeping bags and cooking / eating utensils. They will be cooking their own basic food and sleeping 'rough' with no access to mobile phones / heating and other comforts that they normally enjoy. The participating students will donate €10 to participate and hope to attract sponsorship / donations from the IST community as part of their initiative.

To find out more, please click on one of the videos below completed by our G11 students:

- English version video - [Link](#)
- Spanish version video - [Link](#)
- French version video - [Link](#)

Students have been given the opportunity to pledge a small donation to sponsor the students and teachers who will be sleeping out next Tuesday. The Education For All team will start collecting these pledges after they have completed the event. However, if you would like to further support our students in their initiative, please send any donation, no matter how small in an envelope marked 'Education For All' that can be left in the Primary or the Secondary reception.

Best wishes

Education For All CAS Team & Mr Podbury