

## Assembly for Secondary Schools

Breakthrough Breast Cancer is a pioneering charity dedicated to the prevention, treatment and ultimate eradication of breast cancer. They fight on three fronts: research, campaigning and education.

Breakthrough fund scientists so they can understand how cancer spreads and how we can beat it. They campaign to get treatments to all patients that need them and their education work makes sure that women know the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, and how to spot them, to give them a better chance of beating it.

I'm sure you have all heard of cancer. Our bodies are made up of billions of cells which can reproduce so that our bodies can grow and repair themselves. But sometimes, this process goes wrong and some cells start growing and reproducing uncontrollably.

Almost 10 years ago, Breakthrough opened the first dedicated breast cancer research unit in the UK and it is here that they discovered new drugs that stop cancer cells growing. With three new research units in Manchester, Edinburgh and London they are building a network of scientists across the UK conducting research into the causes and treatments of breast cancer. The discoveries made by these scientists will make a very real difference to how breast cancer affects our lives in the future.

This October is Breast Cancer Awareness month where Breakthrough encourages lots of people around the country, including schools like us, to Go Pink and raise money in lots of different ways. The reason why they ask people to Go Pink, rather than Blue or Green, is that Pink is the colour that is associated with breast cancer charities worldwide. People do all sorts of exciting things like organise a pink fashion show, or have a pink cake sale or even have a pink Halloween party!

We have decided to Go Pink at our school and help women all over the country by .....

People like us who help Breakthrough Breast Cancer and raise money are so, so important to the charity. All the money that you raise will go towards making sure the scientists at the charity can continue their hugely important research work to help more and more people with this disease.

The money that we have raised will help in lots of different ways. **£25** could pay for an hour of a Breakthrough scientist's time or **£65** could pay for enough specialist chemicals to enable a scientist to carry out their experiments for one whole day. As you can see, every penny raised really does help.

We are helping Breakthrough to save lives and change futures by removing the fear of breast cancer for good.

(Perhaps get them to do a round of applause for themselves)