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*Dear Sir Satchwell,*

I am writing to extend huge and heartfelt thanks to staff and students at Thomas Telford School for your incredibly generous, recent gift of £10,000 to help advance Professor Paul Moss' leukaemia research here at the University of Birmingham, with a focus on supporting chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

It is wonderful to hear that staff and students completed various fundraising activities last year, including a 12 mile whole school walk, to raise significant funds for cancer charities. Congratulations to all on your fantastic achievements, we are delighted that you have chosen the University of Birmingham's world-leading cancer research as one of the causes to benefit from all of your hard work. The generosity of the school community is extraordinary, and it is great to hear that you are planning to raise more funds for causes you care about this year.

One in ten cancers arise in the blood system and they affect people of all ages, including children. Scientists have discovered that developing a new, innovative approach to treating blood cancer could also unlock the key to treating other cancers that are extremely hard to diagnose and cure.

Professor Paul Moss and his team are teaching our immune systems to target the cancer cells that currently slip through that protection. Your support could help make it possible to move this research into patient trials. Excitingly, the close link between blood and the immune system means if we can teach key blood cells to beat blood cancer, we could also deliver solutions for pancreatic cancer, ovarian cancer and many more.

*'Our body's immune defences can play a role in eradicating cancer and we want to make this a reality for all patients. Your support is making it possible to move our research into patient trials. My belief is that we really are the first generation that has it in their capacity to control this disease.'* - Paul Moss, Professor of Haematology within the Institute of Immunology and Immunotherapy at the University of Birmingham.

Your generosity and investment into Birmingham's research could be the catalyst for advances in cancer treatment on a global scale. We look forward to updating you on the impact of your donation.

On behalf of all the patients and families for whom cancer research at the University of Birmingham offers hope, thank you once again.

With all best wishes,

Victoria Smith  
Associate Director (Fundraising), University of Birmingham