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**Avon Valley School Donates Over 70 Shoe Boxes**

**Christmas gifts in shoeboxes to be sent from Avon Valley School**

Kind hearted Year 7 students at The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College have shown their generous nature by creating gift boxes which will be sent to disadvantaged youngsters many miles away.

Students from the school’s four Houses, Apollo, Fortune, Garrick and Phoenix, brought in items such as toys, toiletries, school equipment and other goodies for the boxes which will be sent to disadvantaged children across the globe.

In total seventy seven filled boxes were picked up by a representative from Samaritan’s Purse the organisation behind Operation Christmas Child an initiative which has sent millions of boxes to children is 130 countries since beginning back in 1990.

Year 7 Transition Leader, Alison Bearpark, said “Every year we support Operation Christmas Child and it is always brilliant to see how our Year 7 students get behind this project aimed at help those less fortunate.”

Alison Davies, Headteacher, said “Once again our students have shown their charitable nature and willingness to support others. Our shoe box appeal is one of a number of charity events we have running at present, our other events include Miles for Mind and a collection for Rugby Food Bank. I thank everyone who has supported these initiatives.”

More information Operation Christmas Child can be found here: http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

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For further information, or to arrange a photo opportunity please contact Fiona Perks, Headteacher’s PA on 01788 542355 or fperks@avonvalleyschool.uk

**About AVS**

The Avon Valley School a­­nd Performing Arts College is a popular and oversubscribed 11-16 school situated in Newbold, Rugby, which is led by Headteacher Alison Davies. With 1100 students on roll, the school, which is judged ‘good’ by Ofsted, is housed in a state-of-the-art building that opened in 2007.  The school gained its P­­erforming Arts Status in 2004, and prides itself on giving students the opportunity to perform and gain confidence through the arts; recent productions include Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera.­­