

Elizabeth College upper sixth Beard Up for Mug

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ELIZABETH COLLEGE students and staff are putting down their razors for the month to raise money for Male Uprising Guernsey.

Ten upper sixth students are joining the challenge, as well as several members of staff.

Principal George Hartley is one of the four staff members getting involved.

'Mug's Beard Up and Man Up campaign has provided a great opportunity for both staff and the boys to do their grizzly bit for an excellent cause,' he said.

'We have relaxed the rule on beards for those 10 or so students in the upper sixth who have signed up for sponsorship and it will be interesting to see what they can come up with by the end of November.

'A number of staff involved – including, I am ashamed to say, myself – have made a head-start over half-term to ensure that they are not shown up by the younger lads.'

Acorn House caretaker Shaun Bennett said it was an issue close to his heart and that was why he was taking part.

'Like many I have been touched by cancer in the family, so I wanted to get involved,' he said.

'I have a great audience here with the young kids and I hope this kind of thing forms a legacy which will benefit them in the long term.

'I am setting a target of £500

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Sixth-form students and several teachers at Elizabeth College are growing their facial hair for the Male Uprising Guernsey 'Beard Up' campaign which is taking place throughout November. Left to right are Edwin Attwood, David Herschel, Liam Concannon, Henry Lawrence, Rheino Redelinghuys, college principal George Hartley, Tom Eisenhuth and Stephen King. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 11723428)

and I'm hoping all the parents and teachers will get behind me. I've made some 'beardy buckets' for reception.

'If everyone gives £1, the tar-

get is easily reached.'

Mug founder Trevor Kelham said it was wonderful to see students getting involved.

'The charity believes that every man, young or old, can benefit from being more health aware, and having the Elizabeth College lads involved in this campaign is a real boost for the charity,' he said.

'It's not too late to sign up and we are still hoping more "good men" of Guernsey will get involved, throw away their razor and grow some facial hair

for Mug in November.

'We want to keep money raised local – to benefit the community – and we're hoping to raise £40,000 to contribute to the purchase of a special piece of kit that detects prostate cancer.

'Having this equipment will mean men can have this test on-island instead of travelling to Southampton.'

It is hoped 500 people across the island will take part and at the end there will be a competition for best beard.