



Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce that appointments can now be made for [CRY \(Cardiac Risk in the Young\)](#) heart screenings for 14-35 year olds in the Lawrence Building at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School in Aylesbury on Wednesday 27th May 2026 (during half term). Appointments are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment, places will fill quickly.

This CRY screening day is funded by [The Nic Willoughby Fund](#) in partnership with Heart of Bucks. However, as I'm sure you will appreciate, fundraising is becoming harder each year. So to help us continue to provide this local CRY screening we are asking (those who are able) to make a contribution of **£50 per child. (This is considerably less than the cost would be privately).**

Please make the contribution via the [Total Giving page](#) after booking the appointment.

Nic would have been 30 this year and to mark this we have an Autumn Ball at The Oxfordshire Hotel and Spa on Saturday 3rd October. If you would like to book a ticket or a table of 8/10 please click on the [link](#). We are also looking for sponsors and prizes, if your business can help please see our [Ball Sponsor Flyer](#).

Why is screening so important? In 80% of cases of young sudden cardiac death (YSCD) there are no prior symptoms of a heart defect. The frequency of YSCD can be dramatically reduced by making heart screening available to all young people between the ages of 14 and 35

Every week in the UK, [12 apparently fit and healthy young](#) aged 35 and under die from undiagnosed cardiac conditions. Although screening will not identify all young people at risk, in Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%. One in every 300 of the young people that CRY tests will be identified with a potentially life threatening condition.

It is just over 7 years since we lost Nic to an undiagnosed heart condition. He was just 22. Our lives will never be the same and our pain will never go away but heart screening could help prevent other families experiencing this unimaginable loss. Sadly, a sudden catastrophe cardiac event could happen to any young person without warning. Heart screening will save lives! **This is why heart screening is so very important!**

[INFORMATION FROM CRY AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BOOK](#)

Kind regards

Jackie Chandler (Nic's mum)
on behalf of

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