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SKY WALKER LUKE TAKES A DIVE FOR CHARITY

STUDENTS Luke Phillips and James Prosser will be taking a walk into thin air on their first ever sky dive this month.

The two friends who are in their final A-level year wanted to do something different to help boost their school's sixth form charity appeal for Cancer Research Wales.

So on the final weekend in April they will head for the clouds before leaping out of a plane at 10,000 feet on a dive of destiny.

"I don't think it's really sunk in yet exactly what we're letting ourselves in for," said Luke, 17, of Eastmoor Road, Newport.

"But you only live once and we wanted to try something that's a little bit out of the ordinary."

Luke and fellow Llantarnam High student James, also 17, of Coed Eva, Cwmbran, will take off from Cirencester Airfield in Gloucestershire for the sky dive on Saturday, April 29.

They will receive 30 minutes training before boarding the plane that will carry them to 10,500 feet – and their leap into fresh air.

"It's a piggy-back sky dive so we will each be attached to an experienced instructor, but it's still going to be scary," added Luke, who is planning to be a fireman on leaving school.

"James and I are hoping to raise around £800 with our sky dive, which will all go towards our sixth form charity appeal for Cancer Research Wales, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year."

Based at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff, all the money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales on funding cancer research projects being carried out by doctors and scientists in Welsh hospitals.

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Notes for editors

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966.
- Cancer Research Wales has its headquarters at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff.
- Cancer Research Wales is a separate charity from Velindre Hospital and Cancer Research UK.
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money also funds vital research projects, doctors and scientists in Welsh hospitals
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer library in Wales, at Velindre Hospital
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone.

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