



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sadly writing this letter to you today to inform you that I was made aware yesterday afternoon of the tragic death of one of our teachers, Becky Martel.

Our thoughts, and I'm sure yours too, are with Rebecca's family at this very difficult time.

Often, when someone dies family and friends experience many feelings such as anger, confusion and sadness. Under normal circumstances we would want to inform students of this face to face but unfortunately this isn't possible due to the current restrictions. We would therefore like to ask for your support in communicating this to your child in the way that you see best and as the people who know your children the best. It is particularly students in Years 9-13 that would have spent most time with Becky during her time with us at the Academy.

Children are likely to ask questions about the death and it is our view that these should be answered factually and honestly. At this point we do not know the full circumstances surrounding her death, but we believe that she was not ill with Covid 19. At some point in the future, we will consider how we, as an Academy community, can pay our respects and express our sadness at Becky's passing and gratitude for her life.

If you would like to discuss what support we can offer please contact us in the usual way or by calling reception who will help to direct you to the right person, 01623 663450. We will be able to offer some face to face support by appointment if you feel these will help but can also offer a range of support on Teams or by phone as required. In addition, our Chaplain, Alex can be contacted at [abrompton@tscacademy.org.uk](mailto:abrompton@tscacademy.org.uk). Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa McVeigh', with a large loop at the end.

Lisa McVeigh  
Principal