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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you are aware in our school community, during the Easter holidays, we received the deeply sad news of the death of one of students, Kaci, who following a short illness died in hospital.

When we returned to school on Monday 15 April, we held assemblies for all year groups to pray for Kaci and her family, keeping them in our hearts and thoughts. Over the last week, our Year 11 students have had the opportunity to visit the school Chapel, to write a message of condolence and share special memories they may have of Kaci.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 23 April, is the day of Kaci's funeral. There will be a special memorial service for all Year 11 students during period 1 where there will be an opportunity to give thanks for Kaci's life. Following this service, we will also provide students in other year groups the chance to voluntarily attend a short memorial service, should they wish to.

We would also like to offer all students the option to wear something lilac on this day, should they be able to, in memory of Kaci. This could be any item of clothing.

Last week, we had Alliance and Cruse bereavement counselling services in school for those students who have wanted to access this support. We will continue to work with the help of professionals to offer the support needed to our young people. If you think your child may benefit from this support, please get in touch with the academy and let us know and we will ensure that support is offered.

I would like to reassure you once again that ensuring the normal day-to-day running of the academy is a vital part of the support that we are giving to all our students at this time.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and support during this deeply sad time, the strength of our school community and love for one another has been overwhelming.

With all good wishes,

Clare Humble
Headteacher

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