

# Meopham School

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Dear parents/carers,

We are deeply saddened to confirm the tragic passing of one of our Year 10 students during the half-term break.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with their family and friends at this devastating time. We have extended our condolences and support to the family on behalf of the whole school community.

We understand that this news will be incredibly difficult for some of our students to process. We will be sharing this news sensitively with all children on Monday when they return to school. Over the coming days, we will write to you again with details on how we plan to come together to remember this wonderful young person, alongside the specific support we will be putting in place for our students in the coming weeks and months as they grieve.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about how your child is coping, please do not hesitate to contact our Safeguarding team at [mss-safeguarding@swale.at](mailto:mss-safeguarding@swale.at), or reach out to their Head of Year via our [Communication Portal](#).

We have also included a list of external resources and organisations below that offer specialised support for young people experiencing bereavement.

- NHS, Children and Bereavement: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/children-and-bereavement/>
- Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families: <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/>
- Childline: 0800 1111 (24/7, free, confidential)
- The Mix: 0808 808 4994 (support for under 25s)
- Cruse Bereavement Support (for young people): 0808 808 1677
  - <https://www.cruse.org.uk/understanding-grief/grief-experiences/children-young-people/signs-of-grief/>
- Samaritans: 116 123 (24/7)
- Elliot Holmes Memorial Fund: <https://www.ehmf.org.uk/>
- National Autistic Society: <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/mental-health/bereavement/parents>

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Thank you for your kindness, compassion, and support for one another as our school community navigates this deeply painful time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Roberts  
Headteacher

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