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7th September, 2021.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you about the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Martin Campbell, our much loved and valued ICT Technician (since September 1989). The pupils were told this morning by subject teachers during Period 5 class, following which pupils and staff stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Martin will be remembered fondly by all in the Academy community for the unfailing support which he provided in innumerable ways. We are deeply saddened by his death and he will be greatly missed by the staff, pupils and parents.

We have a number of support structures within school to help your child cope during this upsetting time. If your son/daughter has any concerns they should speak to their Head of Year or Pastoral Adviser. Trained staff from the Education Authority Critical Incident Response Team are offering support and advice to staff in their support of pupils. I have also attached a leaflet from the Critical Incident Response Team which provides advice for parents about ways to support their child at home, as necessary, over the coming weeks.

Our thoughts are with Martin's family at this difficult time and the whole community sends them our sympathy and support. We will be considering how best to pay tribute to Martin in due course. In the meantime, we are trying to keep school routines as normal as possible over the coming days, whilst allowing the pupils opportunities to talk about Martin if they want.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

S.W. Black (Principal)

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