

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Gavin Whitworth – Curriculum Leader for Humanities**

It is with great sadness that I write to share that Mr Gavin Whitworth passed away on Saturday, following a short and unexpected illness.

Gavin joined Oak in September 2019 and very quickly established himself as a great teacher, leader, colleague and friend. Always with a smile, I will remember his calmness and unflappable approach in all things, his passion for Geography and for the infinite time he gave supporting others.

He will be hugely missed.

I have held assemblies today to share this tragic news and have established a quiet reflection space for staff and students. I have also requested support regarding bereavement counselling and expect to have colleagues onsite to support us as we come to terms with our loss.

Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, daughters and family.

I know that you would want to join with me in sending our condolences, respects and positive thoughts in celebration of Gavin's life, recognising the big impact he made on us all during his time at Oak.

Thank you, Gavin, for everything you have done in support of the students and staff at Oak Academy. God bless you and keep you safe.

We will be opening a book of remembrance to capture all the memories, stories and moments that he gave us. Staff, students and parents are invited to contribute should they wish - further details will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal

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