

8 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very sorry to share with you that our History teacher Mr Boyd-Hill sadly died over the weekend. Many of you will have met him during his time working at the school since September 2018, and you will know too that he was a colleague much loved by our students and our staff alike.

Our whole school community is trying to come to terms with this terrible news, and I wanted to write and let you know the nature of the support that is available to students tomorrow, and beyond. Today we have been arranging additional counselling that will be available online and also face-to-face within school tomorrow for students who require it.

If your child is currently working remotely from home, but you or they feel that they would benefit from accessing additional counselling support in school, either via a computer link to a counsellor or face to face, please will you complete this simple online document [here](#) as soon as possible to let us know that this offer will be taken up. Face-to-face counselling will be available between 9.30am and 12noon on Tuesday 9 February, and we will endeavour to contact parents where needed with a timeslot for their child. Students who do come into school to access this support will of course be in an environment where teachers and other staff will be available too, but you will appreciate we need to be able to plan effectively for this, whilst maintaining Covid safety protocols.

The school will continue to be open tomorrow for our vulnerable and critical worker children to be able to access their online learning, and to seek counselling support should they need it.

Our online learning may well look a little different for your child tomorrow, as there will be a combination of some live lessons or work set for them to complete independently.

The day will begin with year group assemblies from 8.25am. Students should access their usual Tutor Google Classrooms with their form tutor, who will then share a link to the relevant year group assembly. These assemblies will be led by either myself or members of the Senior Leadership Team. Subject lessons will then continue for the rest of the day, and students should access their subject Google Classrooms in the usual way, where further details about any 'Live' elements or assignments to complete independently will be posted.

Tomorrow we will be reminding students about the access they already have to confidential support such as KOOTH via: kooth.com, as well as other help available in addition to that mentioned above.

As ever, I appreciate the great strength of our parent and carer support at this difficult time for us all within the community that is Outwood Academy Normanby, and ask for your continued patience and sensitivity, particularly on social media.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat
Principal