

April 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to take the time to write and thank you all for your support and understanding last Monday when the decision was made to close the academy as a mark of respect to the family of one of our students who died very suddenly last weekend. Our continued thoughts are with the family at this time of great sadness and loss.

I want to let you know how proud we are of our young people. They have conducted themselves with great respect, dignity and maturity during a very emotional and difficult time. They are a credit to their families, their school and their community. Books of condolence have been opened and are being signed by students and staff this week and will be given to the family along with cards and gifts that have been left at the academy.

Throughout the course of the week, the academy has been able to work with a number of specialist services to support our students. Further referrals to support services have also been made.

If your child needs someone to talk to during the Easter break there will be a Counsellor at the Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Learning Community Centre on Wednesday 10th April between 10am – 12pm and 7pm – 8pm.

I would also like to draw parents and carers' attention to the information section of the academy website: <https://www.hemsworth.outwood.com/mental-health-support> There are a number of services signposted for you once you click on the large green button. These services have excellent websites and helplines which are available to young people and their families outside of academy hours.

I do hope that this letter keeps you informed of what we have told our young people.

Please do not hesitate to contact the academy if you have any concerns or queries. The "contact us" section of the website is a good avenue to use.

With warm regards



Mr T Rutter
Principal