

Wednesday 30th November, 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

I wrote to you last week to let you know that tragically, one of our Year 9 students passed away last week following a long battle with cancer. We continue to hold his family, friends and all who knew him in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom's funeral will take place in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral at 1:30pm on Monday 12th December.

For many who knew Tom, attending his funeral will be an important part of the grieving process, and we would therefore like to enable any student who wishes to attend, to do so. We expect we will need to lay on a coach to transport the students who wish to attend to the Cathedral, but in order to make the necessary arrangements we need to know numbers. Please can I ask you to discuss with your son or daughter whether or not they wish to attend, and if they do wish to do so, to let Mr Kingston know by returning the reply-slip below? All replies must be received by 9:15am on Wednesday 7th December; we regret that we will not be able to accommodate late replies.

The timing of the funeral means that we will need to leave at the start of lunch, so students will need to bring a packed lunch that day. Students entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a free packed lunch from school, which they must collect during their morning break on Monday 12th.

Students attending the funeral should wear their normal school uniform on Monday 12th.

Please continue to monitor your son or daughter at this time; as I noted in my last letter, grief is a long process, and it works out differently in each and every one of us. For some, this may be the first time they have ever had to come to terms with the loss of a friend or a loved one, and they may be feeling a sort of pain they have never felt before; for others, it may not be their first experience of someone close to them passing away, and it may therefore awaken painful memories. However your son or daughter is experiencing grief, please don't hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to support them.

Please do keep Tom's family and friends, and the whole St Margaret's community, in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Brierley'.

Stephen Brierley
Principal.

To: Mr R Kingston

From: _____ (your name, in BLOCK CAPITALS please)

parent of _____ in form ____

I wish my son/daughter named above to attend Tom Adams' funeral in the Lady Chapel of the Anglican Cathedral on Monday 12th December.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this reply-slip to Mr Kingston by 9:15am on Wednesday 7th December.
Reply-slips can be scanned and e-mailed to rkingston@stmargaretsacademy.com**