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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness and regret that I am writing to inform you that our friend and colleague, Mr Wilcox, Subject Leader for Art and Photography, passed away last week during the half term break. As I am sure that parents and carers can imagine, this is a huge shock to the staff and students at the school, as well as governors, colleagues across the Trust and Trustees. Mr Wilcox was an exceptional teacher, tutor, leader, friend and colleague to many throughout his career; his absence from the Vyners community is already being felt and he will be painfully missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his immediate friends and family.

All staff and governors have been made aware of Mr Wilcox's passing and we have informed students in Years 7-11 of this development during special assemblies this morning. I have also written to students in the Sixth Form who are currently on study leave. We will be providing some additional access to the school counselling service to any member of the school community who requires it. However, if parents and carers do feel that their child is finding Mr Wilcox's passing to be particularly challenging that they contact their child's Year Leader in the first instance.

A book of remembrance will be opened later this week for the wider school community. I will ensure that all families are made aware of how to access this. We will also ensure that all families are made aware of any other events or activities that are put in place to remember and celebrate Mr Wilcox's life.

In the short term, I would ask that parents and carers be mindful of the impact that Mr Wilcox's passing has had on the staff at school and to only contact members of staff directly about other matters this week if absolutely necessary.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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