

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18

Headteacher: Dr A A L Evans BSc(Hons), PhD



31st January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Fraser Bennett

On behalf of everybody at the school, we have been extremely moved by the way in which students, staff, governors and the wider community have supported each other during what has been an extremely difficult few days since we learned of the tragic death of Fraser Bennett. I have been very touched by the kind messages that have been sent into school, and the way in which all the students have managed their grief and respect for Fraser and his family. Thank you too, for your support through what has been an extremely difficult and emotional time.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we have been liaising very closely with Fraser's family and with their blessing, the school will be remembering Fraser in an assembly of reflection on Wednesday 5th February.

We now know that Fraser's funeral will be taking place at 2pm on Thursday 6th February at St James's Church, Badsey. I will be attending the funeral with Mr Freeman, Mrs Walker and a few other colleagues. Fraser's family are aware that a number of our students will wish to attend and pay their respects to Fraser. They understand that, at what is certain to be an extremely emotional occasion, staff from the school will not be able to supervise students. Therefore, if your child does wish to attend, we will authorise their absence for what will be a private occasion, if you let us know that they will be under the care of either yourself, or a suitable adult at the funeral.

If students are attending the funeral, they may feel that they cannot attend school in the morning. If they are attending in the morning, please could we ask for your child to be picked up at 12.15pm. Obviously, as they will be attending the funeral in a personal capacity, they will not be expected to wear school uniform to the service. However, the family has asked those attending to wear something sky blue, as Fraser was a keen supporter of Coventry City.

If your child will be attending the funeral, please would you complete and return the reply slip below by Wednesday 5th February, in order for us to authorise their absence on 6th February.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Evans
Headteacher

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

My son/daughter will be attending the funeral of Fraser Bennett on Thursday 6th February 2020.

They will be absent from school **all day / from 12.15pm** (please delete as applicable)

I confirm that they will be accompanied to the funeral by a family member/friend

Signed:

Date:

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