



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we received some upsetting news of which I have had the sad task of informing our students of the death of Natasha Edwards, a student in Year 13 who has died. She was a kind, caring, respectful member of our school community who was about to embark on a degree apprenticeship and will be missed.

Following this tragic news, the Senior Leadership Team and other key staff met this morning to discuss support for students. We delivered the news in person to Year 13 students. We have plans in place to support our young people should they require it. These plans included additional support during lessons as well as increased capacity within our school counselling service over the coming days. Please be reassured that we will continue to prioritise the emotional wellbeing of staff and students in the most appropriate manner at this difficult time. We will be setting out an area to quietly reflect and will provide a book of Condolence to share their memories and celebrate Natasha's time at Beths Grammar. We have arranged for the School Counsellor to be available in the coming week to students who are coming to terms with the news.

When someone dies, young people may experience many different feelings, such as sadness or anger. Some students may feel shocked and upset by the news, while others may be confused or numb. These reactions are all normal. We have tried to answer their questions in school, using age-appropriate and honest language. For more information about speaking to children and young people about death, visit the Child Bereavement UK website [childbereavementuk.org](http://childbereavementuk.org) and please contact the Pastoral Team if your son/daughter is finding it difficult coming to terms with this news.

The students have been told that their teachers are willing to try and answer their questions at school and I have made available some information which may help you to answer your child's questions as they arise. The following links may prove a valuable resource:

## **Students**

For help, information and advice on how to deal with loss and bereavement, please follow these links:

<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk>

<https://help2makesense.org>

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/dealing-with-loss-and-bereavement/>

<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/feelings/bereavement-loss/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/grief-and-loss/>

<https://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health/looking-after-yourself/coping-with-grief-37813.html>

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**Parents**

For information and advice on how to help young people deal with loss and bereavement, please follow these links:

<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/hope-again-parent>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/grief-and-loss/>

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/supporting-a-bereaved-child/sudden-death/>

Our thoughts are with family and friends at this difficult time, and it is my intention to respect their privacy. We will be in touch with details of how our school will remember her life in the coming days and weeks. I will keep you updated.

Yours faithfully,

RJBlyghton

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**Headteacher**