

Monday 11 July 2022

Dear families

With tremendous sadness, I write to inform you about Sami Ahmed, a Year 10 student at our academy, who passed away over the weekend. Sami was hiking with his family in the Lake District when he slipped and fell from a significant height.

I know many of you know and care about Sami and his family, and will be deeply affected by this news. Students have been notified of the news today and offered counselling and ongoing support. Three counsellors will be in school tomorrow and will be available for students, staff, and especially Sami's many close friends.

Sami was a fantastic young man who was kind, polite, and hardworking. He was the epitome of everything great about our community and was loved by students and staff. He was an excellent sportsman and always went out of his way to help others. We will miss him dearly.

Outside of the support we are providing in school, we wanted to share some websites that you might also find useful for you and your child:

- Cruse Bereavement Support: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/>
- Child Bereavement UK: <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>
- Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/bereavement/useful-contacts/>
- Barnardo's Bereavement Service: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/services/child-bereavement-service-general>

In time, we will be working with Sami's family, friends, and teachers to consider how we want to remember Sami and the positive legacy he has left in our school. For now, our priority is to respond thoughtfully and sensitively to Sami's family and friends, ensuring they have the support they need.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Michael Feely  
**Principal**

