

HT Update Thursday 28/3/24

Dear pupils, parents/carers and staff,

My update this week centres on how the school continues to work together to support each other and prepare for Thomas Whitehead's funeral.

At the pre-planned assemblies on Monday, we touched on the main messages of compassion around the school, understanding that it is OK to feel the way you do, and reaching out for help if you want to talk to someone. We also talked about how it is important to keep things running as normal as possible. This week we continued our quiet room for support during the day.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday 16th April. We have been in touch with Thomas's family, and some senior students met this afternoon to plan how they can brighten up the Burgh Hall for the service with photos, messages and other displays.

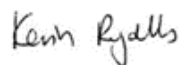
If any pupils would like to attend on Tuesday, there is a message in the year group teams pages about the need for pupils to let their Pastoral teacher know, with the permission of parents/carers. There will also be a number of staff members in attendance.

Thank you to the whole school community for pulling together so well in these very sad and difficult circumstances. Our young people, partners, parents and carers form a strong community.

I will write to everyone on Monday 15th April to start the new term.

I'd like to wish everyone a restful holiday, and good luck to all our seniors in their studies at home and at Easter School.

Yours faithfully,



Kevin Ryalls
Headteacher