

14 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am extremely sorry to inform you that one of our students in Year 8, Mason O'Grady, died Sunday evening as a result of a road traffic accident. I have spoken with Mason's family who are understandably devastated, and it is with their agreement that we are sharing this very sad news with you.

I know that this will come as a terrible shock to the John Willmott community, and that students and staff will be extremely upset. Mason had friends across many year groups, he was a kind, caring and enthusiastic young man. In the words of his teachers he was 'a fantastic student', he 'was hard working and conscientious' and he had particular talents in the arts including drama, music and art and design.

Mason was a House Ambassador for Spitfire House, a job he took seriously. He always went out of his way to ask people how they were, how their day was going and he will be missed by us all.

Because of the current national situation, we are unable to provide support in school. We are though in touch with The Birmingham Education Psychology Service and several support groups in order to coordinate some provision for our staff and students. If you feel your child would benefit from this support please see the links at the bottom of this page and on the school website or contact the school via enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk and someone will be in touch with you.

We have liaised with Mason's family and will be making no other comment. I would ask the community to respect the privacy of the family at this very sensitive and sad time.

Mason will be a shining star in our hearts forever. May he now rest in peace.

Yours faithfully

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