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Dear Parent/Carer

Last week I wrote to you with the very sad news of our Head of Humanities, Dave Flower's passing away and on behalf of the staff and students at Highbury Grove I would like to thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of support that we have received. We have been reminded once again of the strength of the Highbury Grove Community and it is appreciated enormously.

Dave Flower joined Highbury Grove in 1990 and during his 26 years of service to the school he made a difference to staff and students alike. It is true to say that many of Dave's colleagues became his friends. This week both staff and students have been completing books of condolence and an opportunity for students to collectively remember Mr Flower is planned for Friday 24 February.

Dave's funeral is taking place on Tuesday 21 February in Wales and the family have invited colleagues and friends to attend. As you may imagine a very large proportion of the staff body would like to be present and pay their respects. **As a consequence I am writing to inform you that on Tuesday 21 February the school will open for Years 11, 12 and 13 only.**

- Year 11 students will still have their English Mock examination in the afternoon and in the morning they will, in part, be working with Inner Drive, a company who provide interactive and practical workshops that help students develop their mindset and their ability to perform under pressure.
- Where possible Year 12 and Year 13 lessons will continue as normal and there will be additional sessions run that explore revision and preparing for exams.
- Work for all other Year groups will be set on Google Classroom.

The decision to close the school to Years 7-10 was not an easy one to make, but I hope that you can understand my decision to only partially open that day in order to allow staff to attend the funeral.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support

Best regards



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