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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the very sad news that Mr Annison, one of our teachers of History and Geography, has tragically passed away. The thoughts and prayers of everyone in our school go to his family and friends and we are all devastated to have such a talented and enthusiastic member of our school community taken from us. Miss Holyland and I have spoken to all the students who were taught by Mr Annison this morning so they are already aware.

In the time that Mr Annison worked with us he had proved to be a real asset as a member of staff, being a highly motivated and capable teacher. Students valued having him as their teacher as he built very strong relationships with them in order to share his passion for learning. He always demonstrated a calm and supportive manner in the classroom, and made sure that lessons were engaging for young people. This year, he had taken on a Year 11 form and they loved having him as their form teacher. Genuine enthusiasm came across in all he did, and this extended beyond the classroom as he recently accompanied Sixth Form students on a visit to Auschwitz.

Every member of staff who met or worked with Mr Annison commented on his real enthusiasm. He was a very popular colleague who found time to talk to a wide range of people across school. Teaching was clearly the right profession for him and our school was a better place with Mr Annison in it.

Mr Annison will be missed by everyone in our school but he leaves behind a legacy of real success.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Mr Annison's family and friends.

With my best wishes,

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