

24th June 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

It has been a difficult and challenging week for everyone and we are truly humbled by the support of our kind and vibrant community. James was a wonderful teacher – the tributes are incredible and we will all miss him dearly.

James' network extended way beyond our school gates and an example of this is renowned historian Dan Snow, who is dedicating his live YouTube history show 'History Hit Live' to James this Friday at 4pm. Here is a link to the episode that will be going live: youtu.be/Sg-jFXv4cMo

A special thanks to Father Richard for opening up St Pauls – on Monday 1100 visitors lit candles and sat quietly to reflect in their sorrow but also to remember the lovely character of James.

James's parents called on Monday afternoon and they wanted us to pass on their deepest gratitude for all the beautiful tributes to James made by our students and staff.

Our 'remote' end of term assembly will be in memory of James and led by our student leadership team. Additionally, Mr Adams and Mrs Smith are setting up a working party to plan further memorials that we can put in place for James from September.

A number of parents have asked if they can donate to a 'gofundme' page to raise money to honour James. #LoveUnites #ReadingPride #ForburyGardens #RDGUK are raising money for a memorial for James and the other two victims. Here is the link <https://gf.me/u/yacyii>

We have three and half weeks left until the end of term. Here is an update for this week and next week

Key Stage 3

- Remote lessons recommence tomorrow as per timetable. Please remember that lessons may be set the evening before or the morning of the lesson.
- End of term reviews will go out in the last week of term.

Year 10 and Year 12

- Remote lessons for tomorrow and Friday.
- Next week we recommence the 'bubbles' schedule that we started last week as per timetable in the handbook.
- End of term review for Year 12 issued on 10th July

Tutor calls and registrations will continue until the end of term.

Take care and thanks again for all your support.

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