

6th April 2022



Dear parents

Today we had to announce some very sad news which has affected many students and staff within our academy.

We are saddened to let you know that Bailey Dorward from Year 11 passed away peacefully late last night after a brave fight against cancer. It is with the wishes of his family that I have let his friends and his year group know the news. This has come as a shock to everyone. All our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Out of respect for the family we would request that initially families refrain from using social media regarding this matter. Bailey was a wonderful and caring person, brother, friend, son and student. Throughout his illness he fought tenaciously to return to normality. He also did not want his friends to become upset but rather to celebrate his life. The family have also asked that no flowers be left, and rather that donations are made for the organisations which supported Bailey and the family, information to follow. For now, can I ask that your thoughts and prayers are with Bailey and his family.

After announcing the news today, our pastoral team and specialist staff members from Oasis have been made available to support the students and will continue to be available in the coming weeks ahead. My staff team and I will actively support his family during the weeks ahead.

Bailey was a valued person within Year 11 and has worked hard to continue his studies during this time and showed great determination and bravery in every aspect of his life. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point should you want to discuss how this sad news is affecting your child. We remain committed to supporting every member of our community.

If you or your child needs support over the coming days, you may like to contact the organisations below:

www.childline.org.uk

Tel: 0800 1111

www.samaritans.org

Tel: 116 123

Yours sincerely,

Martin Brown
Principal

Principal - Martin Brown

Oasis Academy Sholing

Middle Road, Southampton, SO19 8PH

Tel: 023 8044 8861 Email: info@oasissholing.org

www.oasisacademysoling.org



Oasis Academy Sholing is sponsored by Oasis Community Learning
www.oasiscommunitylearning.org - part of Oasis UK.

Oasis Community Learning is a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales (No. 5398529) and an Exempt Charity Registered Office: 75 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HS

