

Monday 14th November

Dear parents,

This week i am sharing sad news with you. As many of you will know, Ms Hooper has been away from school for several months and last week she passed away at home with her family.

Her death is a cause of great sadness for the school community. Ms Hooper was much loved as both a colleague and friend by all of the staff here. Ms Hooper was also known well by many pupils and parents as a kind and caring member of staff who worked incredibly hard to support everyone that she worked with.



Ms Hooper had been the personal assistant to many different headteachers during her time at the school. And, even though I only knew her for a relatively short time, in the two years that we worked together I got to know her well and I will miss her dearly.

Later this week, i will attend her funeral which will take place near to her family home. Later in the month it is planned that a short memorial service will be held in the local church. This memorial service will be an opportunity for both staff, and for any pupils or parents who would like to attend, to reflect upon and celebrate Ms Hooper's life and her service to the school.

A date for this memorial service is still to be confirmed, but it is likely to take place on the afternoon of Thursday 1st December and I will confirm this when I write to you next week.

Below I have shared some information and updates with you:

1. Parent Consultation Committee

A reminder that our next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th November between 4.30 and 6.00pm.

2. End of Term Arrangements

The final day of term before the Christmas holidays will be Thursday 15th December. As I have shared in previous updates and during recent information events, it is important that pupils attend school every day until the start of the holiday. Any unauthorised absences will be referred to the local authority for fixed penalty notices (fines).

3. Sixth Form Applications

Applications for places in Year 12 next September are now open. If you know of any families with children in Year 11 at another school who may be interested in joining our sixth form, please do encourage them to apply.

More information is available on our [website](#).

4. Useful Links

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