



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 11,

The October half-term break will mark the first anniversary of the sudden passing of one of our former students Osaivbie Obasohan. It is difficult to believe that it is almost one year on since the school community came to terms with this awful and sad news. We promised Osaivbie's parents and the boys that we would do everything we could to keep his memory going in school.

On **Wednesday 18th October**, we will be holding a memorial service to celebrate Osaivbie's life in the presence of his family in the main school hall that morning. We have put together an order of service in consultation with the family to mark the one-year anniversary. All Year 11 students will be taken off timetable that morning to allow them to attend the service in the hall. The service is designed to pay tribute to Osaivbie's life whilst also reflecting on his strong Christian faith. Students are welcome to join in with the singing of the hymns and listen to the Sixth Form praise choir. We have also invited the family Pastor who will give a tribute to Osaivbie's life on behalf of the family. The service has been carefully designed to make sure it is respectful of the family's faith whilst also being inclusive for children of all faiths. If you do not wish for your son to attend, then please let me know and we can make alternative arrangements in school for him at this time.

I am also extending the invite out to you as parents. Should you wish to attend, please email me directly and let me know the number of seats you require. The family are more than happy for parents to attend. As this will be happening during the school day, there will be no parking for parents on site.

Please note that **the service will begin at 8.55am that morning**. I am making a special plea to ask that all students arrive on time to avoid disruption to the service.

On **Thursday 19th October at 4pm**, we will be holding a special basketball match in the Sports Hall in Osaivbie memory. Students are warmly welcome to watch. At this event, we will officially use the new basketball scoreboard for the first time, which was bought through funds raised in Osaivbie's memory. I would like to publicly thank the work of the Beths Parents Association for their exceptional efforts in helping to make this possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

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