

CWALDA/GHA

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: An Extremely Sad Loss for the Academy and Plume Family

It is with extreme sadness that I write to inform you that over the weekend, Mr Onakomaiya, a long-serving member of our Mathematics Faculty, passed away. This is after a three year battle with a serious illness, however, a battle he never took a backward step with and where, despite him feeling very poorly, he would often insist on coming back into the academy to continue with a job and position he never stopped loving.

As many of you know, Mr Onakomaiya was also a popular member of staff with both our students and his colleagues brought about primarily due to his pleasant, committed and unwavering approach. He was also a man of faith and therefore, always looked at matters in a solution-focused and positive manner. As a result, he will be greatly missed.

As I send out this letter, I am also briefing our students via an end of day whole academy virtual assembly. Therefore, I imagine some of our students may come home upset and wish to raise the matter with you. Following on from this, my Colleagues and I will of course keep a watchful eye out for any students this news particularly affects whilst doing the same for each other at the same time, especially those who were the closest to Mr Onakomaiya.

Books of Condolence have also been opened up in the main reception areas of both campuses and I personally invite any parent, carer, family member of ex-student who wishes to come in and pay their respects via writing in one of these to do so from tomorrow morning onwards. The books will be kept open **until 3pm on Friday 16 June 2023** after which they will be passed through to Mr Onakomaiya's wife and children.

It is at times like this that we truly appreciate how precious, but precarious, life can be. However, I also strongly believe it is at times like this that the goodness in people shines through primarily through people pulling together and looking after each other – something this academy, and the people associated with it, have always done exceptionally well.

Yours sincerely



**Mr C A Wakefield**  
**Executive Principal**