



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.' Oscar Romero

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great sadness and shock that I share with you the news that David Lavinier, our wonderful colleague and basketball coach, passed away unexpectedly at home this afternoon. David was at Holy Family for many years, both as a coach and as part of the PE department and we will hugely miss his kindness, his wisdom, support and encouragement of our young people, and the joy and pride he had in developing and nurturing their talent. We will pray for the repose of David's soul, and for the comfort and solace of his family, during our assemblies and form times this week. The chapel on both sites will be open for private prayer and reflection for staff and students.

**God of hope, we come to you in shock and grief and confusion of heart.
Help us to find peace in the knowledge of your loving mercy to all your children,
and give us light to guide us out of our darkness into the assurance of your love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

We pray for our community at this time of loss and sorrow; we pray especially for David's wife Jude and his children Nicole and Andre. May they, and we, be comforted in the midst of grief and loss, and strengthened by the thought that David is surely with his Father in heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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