



10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear parents, staff and governors,

**Re: Mr Bloomfield, Teacher at More House School**

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news that Mr Bloomfield, long-serving teacher at More House School, passed away unexpectedly at the weekend.

Joining More House in January 2001, Mr Bloomfield taught History and Music, including A Level Music, at the school for nineteen years, inspiring and fostering a love of those subjects for very many pupils. As a dedicated form-tutor, Mr Bloomfield demonstrated a very strong commitment to the pastoral care of pupils. Mr Bloomfield also delivered individual instrumental-music lessons to many students, teaching piano and flute.

As a student, Nicolas Bloomfield read History at the University of Oxford. At More House School he proved himself an extremely talented and creative teacher. Mr Bloomfield provided piano accompaniment to many More House boys as they performed solos, and for hymns and carols at school services. He was a key member of the jazz-band, accompanying its foreign tours, and will be particularly remembered for writing *More House, The Musical*, charting the school's extraordinary history, through drama and song and performed during the school's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Mr Bloomfield also composed the school song, sung at every Founder's Day, collaborating with colleague Tom Kirkham who composed the lyrics.

This unexpected and tragic news was learned by the school yesterday afternoon, and remains very recent. Early indications suggest Mr Bloomfield suffered a complication relating to a longer-term medical condition, and passed away at his home address in London.

We have put into place arrangements for supporting colleagues and pupils at this very difficult time, drawing on the school's very strong pastoral wellbeing and mental health provisions. The school's normal programme of teaching and extra-curricular activities will continue, but there will always be provision available for pupils and colleagues who welcome additional support. A book of condolence will be opened in the school chapel. Arrangements are already in place for ensuring Mr Bloomfield's classes, including his A Level Music students and individual instrumental-pupils, continue to receive high-quality teaching and support.

Pupils have not yet been informed, and it is likely that parents will wish to communicate this news to their own sons personally. Boarders will be told sensitively during the course of this evening by the house staff, giving parents an opportunity to telephone their sons earlier on if they wish. Arrangements are in place to support boarders affected by the news.

For colleagues, the Music department will be open from 7.30am tomorrow morning, affording opportunity for shared reflection and support. Following the usual staff-meeting at 8.20am, the chapel will provide an environment of quiet, prayer and reflection throughout the day.

I ask you to remember Mr Bloomfield, his relatives and close friends, in your thoughts and prayers.  
Yours sincerely,

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