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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupils

I am deeply saddened to share some devastating news with you which will affect our whole school community. Over the weekend we were informed about the sudden death of one of our current S6 pupils, Aaron Boyde.

Aaron attended Rhu Primary and has been with us since S1 so I know many within our community will have known him well. Aaron was a kind and gentle young man with a huge heart and his loss will be felt by all at Hermitage Academy. I am sure you will all wish to join me in passing our most sincere condolences onto Aaron's family and friends.

Despite the current COVID-19 restrictions we want to make sure that we are here to support our young people during this extremely difficult time. If you or your young person would like to speak to a member of staff they know please contact the appropriate member of the house team through the enquires email address at the top of the letter.

House Teams:

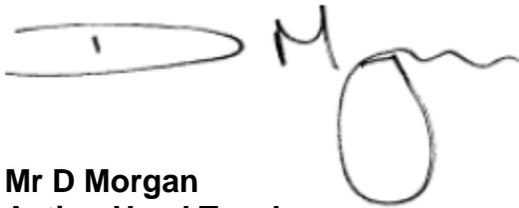
	ARRAN	BUTE	CUMBRAE	DAVAAR
Lead Pupil Support Teacher	Mr Berrall	Mrs McAuley	Mr McKenzie	Mrs Brewer
PT Guidance & Raising Attainment	A1: Mrs Fraser A2: Mrs Biennier	B1: Miss Brady B2: Mr McArthur	C1: Mr Turnbull C2: Mrs McGinlay	D1: Mr Arbuckle D2: Mrs Henderson
Depute Head Teacher	Miss Stewart	Mrs MacKay	Mr Munro	Mrs Muir

If you feel that you or your young person would benefit from specialised support at this time, advice and guidance is available from the Local Authority Psychological Service Team and you can request this by contacting our Principal Educational Psychologist, Roslyn Redpath, at the following email address: Roslyn.Redpath@argyll-bute.gov.uk

For those young people who may be in school as part of the Hub or Seniors attending for essential practical work, we will be establishing a safe space in school where young people can take a bit of time to themselves or speak to a member of staff if they need to.

As a school community we are going to need each other over the weeks and months to come. If we can do anything for you at all please just ask, we are here to help and support you at this most difficult of times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Morgan'. The signature is stylized, with a large, looped 'D' followed by 'Morgan' in a cursive script.

Mr D Morgan
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