

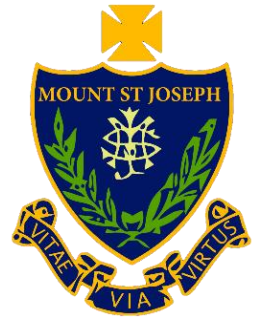
# Mount St. Joseph

*"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"*

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Dear parents and carers,

I write to you today with extremely sad news about one of our students. We learned this weekend, that Deniz Akkaya a student in year 11 has passed away. We are unsure of the cause of his death at this time. Deniz was kind, caring, friendly, intelligent, creative, vibrant with so much charisma and zest for life; he will be truly missed in our MSJ community.

We have been in contact with the family to express how devastated we all are about this news and to offer our support. Understandably, the family is coming to terms with what's happened and they would appreciate having some privacy for now.

This morning we shared this news with your child. We will continue to support all our students, particularly those in Year 11 with counselling and bereavement sessions. If you have concerns about how your child is coping with this news, you can contact the school counsellor at [gettins@msj.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:gettins@msj.bolton.sch.uk) or your child's pastoral care officer, whose email details are below:

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| Year 7  | <a href="mailto:Burnsd@msj.bolton.sch.uk">Burnsd@msj.bolton.sch.uk</a>   |
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| Year 11 | <a href="mailto:Archers@msj.bolton.sch.uk">Archers@msj.bolton.sch.uk</a> |

Should you wish to access external support below are a number of independent organisations who supports children with bereavement:

[Home \(talkgrief.org\)](http://Home.talkgrief.org)  
[Children and bereavement - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Children and bereavement - NHS (www.nhs.uk))  
[Signs of grief in a child - Cruse Bereavement Support](http://Signs of grief in a child - Cruse Bereavement Support)  
[For children and young people | Anna Freud](http://For children and young people | Anna Freud)

If you do wish for your condolences to be passed onto the family, please send these to the school at the postal address above. In time, we will work with students and staff to come together as a school to celebrate Deniz's life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Deniz's family, friends and the MSJ community.

Eternal rest grant unto his soul Oh Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him  
May he rest in peace.  
Amen.

Thank you for your help and understanding at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about your child or any member of our MSJ community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Devany  
Headteacher