



# Sandford St. Martin's

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Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with huge sadness that I write to inform you that a dear former pupil, the lovely Shaun Colvin died suddenly at home on Sunday 7th April. Shaun had a brain tumour (tectal glioma) for a number of years but still managed to live a full and inspiring life within his many interests and passions. He was always so positive, thoughtful, and kind - a boy who left an uplifting, lasting impression on all who met and chatted with him.

Every pupil is special and precious – but those who knew Shaun would agree that he had a unique and amazing way with people, words and such a fervent sense of right and wrong. Recently Shaun returned to Sandford St Martin's (with his grandad) to support Eco club with the construction of hedgehog boxes. We invited him back because of his passion for nature and the fact that he placed the first hedgehog box in the school a few years ago. Shaun was also a big part of the reason why we have such a full forest school program at our school – I was personally inspired by Shaun's love of scouting, nature and ecology – his knowledge and passion was vast and it was a pleasure teaching him (or, more accurately, being taught by him!) in the outdoor environment.



Shaun in his element at forest school with an RSPB woodpecker and also whittling.

Our hearts go out to Alison and Simon Colvin, Shaun's mother and father, and his younger sister Chloe. We cannot imagine the loss, grief and anguish they must be feeling at this time.

I do appreciate that the sad news of Shaun's passing will come as a terrible shock to those who knew him. We are mindful of the support that his friends and family, not least his precious sister Chloe (Year 5) will need in the days and weeks ahead.

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We have planned an assembly for Key Stage 2 for today to share a little about Shaun's life and Chloe's future return to school.

Like Lytchett Minster school, we will be looking to provide a permanent memorial to Shaun at the school in the months ahead. We will discuss what form this will take with Chloe and Shaun's wider family at the appropriate time.

Yours faithfully,

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