

Dear Parents,

It is with deep sorrow that I share the tragic news of the death of Ruby Deeks, a daughter, a sister, a family member, a friend and wonderful Y10 Hazeley student.

Ruby was struck by a car on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and airlifted to John Radcliffe Hospital, but sadly died on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

I am sure like me your thoughts and condolences are with Ruby's family and friends. She was a truly marvellous young person, bright, kind and caring. She used her energy and voice to help others as an active member of our school council, she will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Ruby's family wanted to pass on the news that her organs have been donated and in doing so possibly saved the lives of at least five other young people and her eyes will allow others to see again. They also wanted all of us to share the message of crossing roads carefully, helping prevent a recurrence of this tragedy.

As a school we will try to support our community with assemblies and additional pastoral support. If you have any concerns about the impact of this news on your own child, then please don't hesitate to contact their form tutor or R2L link by email and / or contact one of the children's charities below:

[www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk) 08088000401  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 0800 1111  
[www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org) 08452 03 04 05  
[www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org) 0800 02 88840

We will be creating a memory and messages book for Ruby's family, please feel welcome to contribute sharing your own words of support by emailing [SFitton@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:SFitton@thehazeleyacademy.com). You do not need to have known Ruby to contribute, it's a way to show love and condolences.

Ruby's family also wanted to share their thanks to the charities who have supported them and to encourage anyone who wants to donate to do so by visiting the following links:

- Ronald McDonald House Charities (provided free accommodation and food to ensure the family could remain close to Ruby during her stay at John Radcliffe Hospital)

Link for donations: <https://rmhc.org.uk/donate/>

- Helen and Douglas House (enabled the family to spend some quality time with Ruby and say their final goodbyes in a non-clinical environment)

Link for donations: <https://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk/donate/>

Finally, Ruby would want us to remember and celebrate her life and use these memories to help us all live better lives alongside each other.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Nelson  
Principal