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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with deepest regret to inform you of the unexpected passing of our Catering Manager, Mr David Barnett.

'Barney', as he was fondly known, joined our school in 2022 and has led our kitchen for the past three years, right up to the preparation of this week's Christmas Dinner, one of the highlights of our school calendar for both students and staff.

Having previously served in the armed forces, he wholeheartedly supported our school community, particularly during our school's annual Remembrance Day Poppy Drop. Many students will remember him attending in full military uniform, proudly displaying his medals earned during his years of service.

Barney was a talented, well-respected and inspirational member of our staff, and he will be sorely missed by everyone at Stockport Academy.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank all of our catering team who have continued to run our kitchen during this time, through what has been an incredibly traumatic and upsetting period; culminating in a wonderful yet poignant Christmas Dinner last Thursday.

If any students are struggling in school with this unexpected, tragic, news then we will do everything we can to offer them our support. Please contact your child's form tutor or pastoral manager in the first instance if this is the case.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs McCann
Principal

