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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may remember, around this time last year, on 1st November 2025, our school community sadly lost our wonderful Catering Manager, Gary Middleton, who passed away during the half-term holiday.

Although I did not have the privilege of meeting Gary personally, I have heard so much about the warmth, positivity, and care he brought to our students and staff every single day. As we approach the anniversary of his passing, he remains deeply in our thoughts across Bradford Forster Academy, and we want to ensure his memory continues to be honoured.

Later this month on Friday, 23rd October, our staff will be holding a special memorial service to unveil a permanent plaque and portrait in Gary's honour within the canteen area, a space where he made such a lasting and positive impact.

In addition to remembering him within school, we are also supporting Overgate Hospice, which was Gary's chosen charity. We have set up a JustGiving page for anyone in our wider school community who would like to contribute in his memory:

[Bradford Forster Academy - In Loving Memory of Gary Middleton is fundraising for Overgate Hospice](#)

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and compassion as we come together to remember a truly special man who meant so much to this academy.

Warm regards

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