

Dear Parent/Carer

As Chair of the SRWA Academy Council, it falls to me to share some very sad news with you regarding Peter Midwinter, the Principal. Peter has just been diagnosed with throat cancer, and he will be starting treatment for this on 19 December.

As with any cancer treatment, it can be quite debilitating, and therefore Peter will be taking an extended leave of absence, starting at the end of this term. During Peter's absence, Mr Kieran Scanlon (Vice Principal) will take up the reins as acting Head, keeping the ship steady until Peter's return.

At the end of term assembly, all students will be advised of Mr Midwinter's condition and the school's pastoral staff will be available to discuss with your child any concerns he/she may have. However, should you wish to find out more about how to approach the subject with your child at home, you can go to Macmillan's advice line at <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support> for more information.

Mr Midwinter has asked me to reassure you all that Mr Scanlon and the SRWA Senior Team will ensure that the school continues to run smoothly, without interruption to the teaching and learning of students, during his absence.

I am sure that you would wish to join with all the staff here in sending our very best wishes to Mr Midwinter for a speedy and complete recovery.

Yours faithfully



**David J Simmons**  
Chair of the Academy Council