

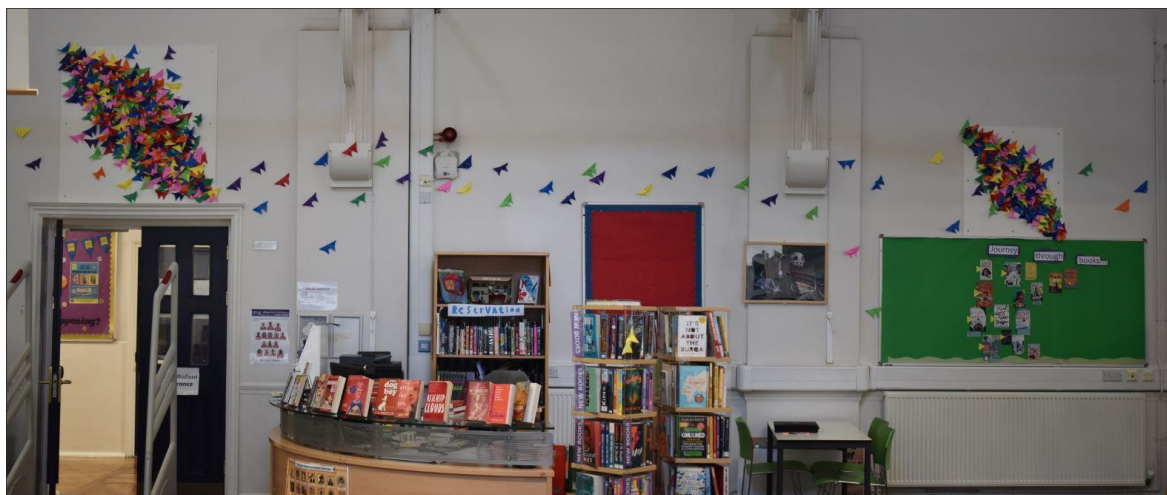


Friday 17 March 2023

Dear Parents,

A year ago today, our Year 12 student, Maryam Dawud, sadly passed away in her sleep. Today we will be remembering Maryam and celebrating her life. Maryam was a valued and well-respected member of the CGA family and has been deeply missed by all who knew her.

Maryam's friends described her as a student that always quietly did the right thing. Last year, staff and students made origami butterflies with messages to remember Maryam. This week, these have been put into displays around our LRC which students can visit for quiet moments of reflection.



At the time of Maryam's passing, the CGA community contributed generously to fund a memorial for Maryam. At the request of students, we have used these funds to plant a magnolia tree by main reception. This tree is named 'Heaven Scent'. We look forward to seeing the tree grow and blossom and to it becoming a space for reflection and remembrance.





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Finally, donations were also used to fund the building of a water well in Bangladesh to help fulfil the Muslim concept of Sadaqah Jariyah. This is the concept found in Islam that you should commemorate someone's death by donating money in a way that will continue to support future generations. The students felt that a well in a village that did not have access to running water would be a fitting way to fulfil Maryam's Sadaqah Jariyah.

[Water Well report Maryam Dawud.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)



Today will be a difficult day for some students, particularly those in Year 13. Staff will be on hand to provide support. For further information about speaking to your child about bereavement, parents can visit [Child Bereavement UK](#)

We remain in contact with Maryam's family and they have asked me to thank everyone for their support.

Kind regards,

Anna Feltham
Headteacher