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Dear parent

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you this afternoon to share the sad news that Mr John Crofts, our Chair of Governors, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away yesterday.

John has been a huge supporter, not just of Smithdon High School, but of so many people and organisations in our local community - not least our neighbour Glebe House School and Nursery, for whom he was Headteacher for many years and we send our condolences to them.

John was proud of our staff and students and enjoyed working with them initially in his role with the Hunstanton Rotary coming in to carry out Year 10 interviews, then as a governor working with a variety of subjects, before becoming Chair of Governors last academic year. In his role as Governor he was always seen at our celebration events, Art Galleries and anything where he could celebrate with the children. He was also a link Governor for our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which he supported both as a volunteer on the visits and in school preparation.

For a 6 month period in 2022, John was also excited to return to his roots of MFL teaching to cover a maternity leave, teaching a number of our then Year 7, 8 & 9 (current Year 9, 10 and 11) students French and German.

John has been a friend to us and such a huge part of our Smithdon Community and he will be sadly missed by us all.

Yours sincerely

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