



Oakfield Schools Federation

Guiding the futures of our children

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Dear Parents and Carers

By now, I am sure you will be aware of the tragic death of a young person within Gateshead. Words cannot express the enormity of this loss to his family and close friends and the impact that this will also have across our communities. We have been asked by Northumbria Police to share the following key messages with you.

Yours faithfully

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Key messages

- Sadly a 14-year-old boy has died following a suspected assault.
- He has now been named as Tomasz Oleszak from Gateshead.
- Please respect his family's privacy.
- We have arrested a teenager on suspicion of murder. He remains in police custody.
- Officers remain in the area to carry out a range of enquiries and offer reassurance to the public.
- Given the age of the people involved, we ask that the public do not speculate on details of the investigation. What might seem like an innocent post on social media to you, could in reality disrupt an on-going investigation and cause unnecessary upset to the family of the victim.
- If you do know something, please come directly to officers.
- Thank you so much for the support you have already given officers - the community have really rallied.
- We would ask that anybody who has any information, please let us know.
- Anyone with information is asked to contact police via the 'Tell Us Something' page of our website or by calling 101.

Thank you for all your help.

Northumbria Police