

TWGHs Sun Hoi Directors' College
2025-2026 School Special Notice No.12

Dear Parents,

Please be informed of the following important matter:

On March 11, our Native-speaking English Teacher (NET), Mr. David McDonough-Engelsberg, called the school to report that he was feeling unwell and would be taking sick leave. When he did not report for work the following day and the school was unable to reach him, we became concerned. Later that day, the school received notification from the police that Mr. David McDonough-Engelsberg had passed away in his residence.

This news has brought profound regret and sadness to all staff and students. The school has immediately activated the "Crisis Management Team."

The "Spring Gala Party" originally scheduled for tonight, March 13th, has been cancelled following a decision by the Parent-Teacher Association, as it was deemed unsuitable to proceed at this stage. Paid meal fees will be refunded in full via cash on March 17th.

The entire school community deeply mourns the passing of our beloved English teacher, Mr. David McDonough-Engelsberg. He was a man who taught with genuine sincerity—a teacher and friend dearly loved by both students and colleagues. His passion for education will live on in our hearts forever. We extend our deepest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

To support students emotionally, the school arranged a special session this morning (13 March) to explain the situation and provide appropriate emotional support. During class teacher period, students were also invited to write sympathy cards to express their feelings. In addition, a "Remembrance Corner" has been set up on the ground floor for students who wish to pay further tribute. Class teachers will continue to monitor the emotional well-being of their students.

Furthermore, professional staff from the TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Educational Psychology Service Centre, as well as our on-site social workers from Caritas, have been invited to provide immediate emotional counselling and support to students in need. We kindly ask parents to pay particular attention to any emotional or behavioural changes in your children during this period and to offer patient listening and support. If your child experiences any emotional distress or requires further assistance, please feel free to contact the class teacher or the school social worker. We will work together with parents to ensure students receive the care they need.

Thank you for your continuous trust and support. Let us unite in accompanying our students through this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

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13 March 2026