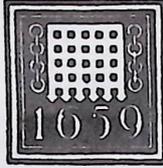


WALLINGFORD SCHOOL

Headmaster:
D. G. Karshaw, M.A.



Station Road,
Wallingford,
Oxon.
OX10 0LB

Wallingford (0491) 37115

SR/MvB

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

4th February, 1986.

England

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing some letters of condolence from some students aged 13-14 at this school, which arose out of a discussion about the tragic loss of Mrs. McAuliffe and the other astronauts, in an English lesson.

They were very much moved by the scenes of stunned silence at your school, and impressed by the affection Mrs. McAuliffe inspired.

When this project was suggested to them, they took to it readily but found it hard to put into words what they felt. Nevertheless, I hope you will accept the sincerity of their messages which is, of course, sent with the sympathy of the whole school community here.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. G. Karshaw', written in a cursive style.

Headmaster.

17 Wantage Rd,
Wallingford,
Oxon,
OX10 0LR.

30th January

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and students,

I have just heard of your tragic loss and I offer you my deepest sympathies. Although I have never experienced the loss of loved-ones I can imagine the grief you are feeling. Mrs Christa McAuliffe was an extremely brave and courageous person who we shall all remember. Although this is such a tragic loss you must all remember that she has gone to a better place and just remember what a wonderful, special lady she was.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bristow.

4, Westfield close,
Benson,
Oxfordshire,
OX96NT
ENGLAND

30th January 1986.

The Principal and students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear Concord High School

I express my deepest sympathy in your time of grief. I clearly did not know Mrs McAuliffe, but what I do know is that she must have been a great wife, mother and teacher. It is hard to write my thoughts as I have never experienced such a tragedy. It will be very hard for you to get over it, but I know that she will never be forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

Liona Skentzford

Hampden
Mill Lane,
Benson,
Oxon,
OX9 6SA.
England.
30.1.86.

The Principal and students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire.
U.S.A.

Dear Concord High School,

I don't know how to write this as I am not familiar with death, and all its emotions. All I can say is what millions have already said. I'm so sorry that this has happened to you and that you have to face the loss of a much admired and loved teacher, Mrs Christa McAuliffe. I pray that she will be remembered as an example of bravery to us all, and that her bravery will inspire people all over

the world, not to give up hopes
and dreams because of one very
sad happening.

May God be with you.

Yours Sincerely.

~~ESW~~

ESWoolley (Miss)

X.

"NORFORD"
5 High Rd
Brightwell-cum
-Sotwell
OXON

30-1-86

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Student

I have seen on TV how good and friendly your teacher was. It must have been a great loss to you. I can not tell you how sorry I feel, but here in England it came as a great shock. Personally I feel much sympathy towards you and Mrs Christa McAuliffe family. I hope this encourages the U.S.A to make many more flights into outer space, just in her memory.

Yours Sincerely
Martin Kelman.

Holmbury,
N Moreton,
Didcot,
Oxon,
OX11 9AX
30.1.86

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
USA

Dear Students,

This is very difficult for me to put. I have seen on television what a friendly and popular person Mrs McAuliffe was. I have the deepest sympathy for you and I can't express my feelings truly on paper. I am sure that this will make many people in the future, more determined to conquer space.

Yours sincerely

Miles Peyton

Wallingford School,
St. Georges Road,
Wallingford,
OXON

OX10 048

England,

30th January 1986

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
USA

Dear Students,

I'm so sorry at your tragic loss and I offer my deepest sympathy. Christa McAuliffe was a truly brave woman and will not be forgotten easily, I for one will remember her for always. I don't know what you are going through at the moment, as nothing like this has ever happened to me, but I do know it must be awful. I hope letters like mine help to ease the pain a little.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher Ozanne

60 West End,
Cholsey,
Wallingford
Oxon
ENGLAND.

30th January 1986.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Student,

I offer my deepest sympathy at this tragic time. I hope I will not hurt your feelings. From what I have heard of your teacher she seemed very understanding and caring. As I watched the shuttle explode I at once thought of the people who would suffer at the loss. But Mrs. Christa McAuliffe has brought to our hearts the bravery of space Astronauts and the people who fly in them. She will be remembered for a long time.

Yours Sincerely,
Paul Bendall.

46 Fir Tree Ave,
Wallingford,
Oxon.

OX10 0PD

31st January 1986

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Students,

I am not very good at comforting people but I give my deepest condolences for this dreadful tragedy that has happened.

I myself have not experienced anyone close to me dying, so I don't know the feelings but I can imagine the pain you're going through.

This tragedy must have inspired many people to go further into the N.A.S.A. Technology and I'm sure many more people want to enter space.

I can imagine how close you all were to this brave and courageous lady from the expressions on your faces when the incident took place.

I myself saw the tragedy live and I was shocked so I can imagine how you felt.

One thing I know is that she didn't die a sad lady. She accomplished her ambition and inspired the hearts of many.

Yours sincerely

Jason Preece
(JASON PREECE)

30 Radnor Road,
Wallingford,
Oxon,

Ox10 0ph.

England. (U.K.)

~~30~~ 4th February, 1986.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Students,

I give you my deepest sympathies for Mrs. Christa McAuliffe's death. I know it's a terrible experience to go through, so I can just imagine how you feel.

Personally, I was very shocked over your teacher's sudden death. I hope that anything like this will never happen again.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Jeffery.

"Lark Rise",

Slade End,

Brightwell-cum-Setwell,

Wallingford.

Oxon,

OX10 0RC.

ENGLAND.

4/2/86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Students,

I am writing to offer you my deepest sympathies in your time of loss.

Although I have never been through such a terrible experience myself, I can imagine how dreadful it must be for all of you.

Your teacher, Christa McAuliffe, must have been a very brave and courageous lady to have volunteered to travel in space. She must have been very special to you, I can tell. I only wish that there could be others like her.

I hope that Christa McAuliffe's death, and

those of the rest of Challenger's crew, will not be
in vain and that manned-space travel will soon
be able to continue with them in mind, so that
it will prosper in the experience gained and that
nothing like this will ever happen again.

Your sincerely,

Jeremy Dellis.

8, St Rumbold's Rd,
WALLINGFORD,
OXON..

OX10 0DL

4.2.86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Students,

We are writing to offer our deepest sympathy and our thoughts are with you. I personally have never had to write such a letter as I have never experienced such a loss. However difficult this may be, you must try to look into the future and I'm sure you're somewhat comforted by the fact that she didn't die an unhappy lady. Mrs McAulife, from what we heard, was a nice, kindhearted, happy lady and that's the way she would like to be remembered.

Yours Sincerely,

Martyn Gilbey.

55 Station Rd,
Wallingford,
Oxon,
OX10 0JZ,
4.2.86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
USA.

Dear Student,

I offer my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of a great lady. However, I have never experienced this before so I don't know how it must feel.

Now you must try to overcome this and look to the future. It must be difficult at first but as time passes things should get better.

I must say Mrs Christa McAuliffe was a very brave woman.

Yours Sincerely
Darren Kipping

Rose Cottage,
Dunsomer Hill
North Morden

OXON
OX11 9AP
4, 2, 86

The Principal & Students,
Concord High School
Concord
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear Students

I was shocked about this incident and don't know in any way how you feel about it, but my sympathy is with you. I didn't know about this incident (tragedy) until about half an hour later, but when I saw it on the replay it was just as shocking as seeing it live.

I can only say you must try and get over this. I know it will be very hard and painful. I will get over it but it will be a lot harder for you.

I can say Mrs Crista McAuliffe was a very brave woman.

Yours

Sincerely

St. Wesre.

18, Fitzcount Way,
Wallingford,
Oxon..
OX10 8JP
4.2.86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear Students,

I was horrified to hear of the disaster that befell Challenger on Tuesday 28th January and caused the deaths of the seven astronauts, including your teacher Mrs Christina McAuliffe.

I have never been through such a tragedy but it must have been a great loss to you and your school.

I offer my deepest sympathy and hope that you overcome the loss and look to what the future will bring.

Yours Sincerely

Gregory Clarke

2, The Limes
Dorchester-on-Thames.
Oxford.
4.2.86.

The Principal and students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Students,

I was shocked to hear about the shuttle disaster, which involved Christa McAuliffe, one of your teachers, and six other astronauts. I realise how upsetting it must be, to be reminded of the tragedy, but you have all my sympathy. This must have been a great loss to your school.

Yours Sincerely,
Tony Bryan.

24, Hazel Grove,
Wallingford
OXON
OX10 0TA.
England.

4th February 1986.

The students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear students,

I am writing to
express my deepest sorrow over your
sad and tragic loss. In sympathy
I want you to know that here
in England we are shocked about
all seven deaths. I find it hard to
write down what I feel about this.
From what I have seen on the
television about this brave woman, I
gather that she was very popular
with her students and with every-

one else. I have never had an
experience like this so I do not
know how you are feeling. I
can only say that I am very
sorry about all that has happened.

yours sincerely

Claine Nutt.

7. Monks' Mead
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell
Wallingford
Oxon
OX10 0RL
ENGLAND
4.2.86.

The Students,
Concord High School,
Concord
New Hampshire
USA

Dear Students,

I wish to express my deepest sorrow over this tragic event. From what I have seen and heard about Mrs McAuliffe she seemed to be a very popular and happy woman. I also express my deepest sympathy for the families of the other six crew members who also lost their lives.

Your Sincerely
Cheryl Burrell.

2 Glyn Road,
Wallington,
Oxon,
OX10 8SX,
ENGLAND.
4th February 1980

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Students,

I was shocked at what happened
after the shuttle took off. I find this
very hard to explain but I offer you my
very deepest sympathy. I do not know still
how you feel but my sorrow is with you. From
all that I have heard, Mrs Christa was a very
popular and very well liked person.

Yours sincerely
B.J. Hubbard.

28 Brookmead Drive,
Wallingford,
Oxon,
OX10 9BJ
ENGLAND
4.2.86

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A

Dear Students,

I am very sorry to hear about this tragic event. I am offering you my deepest sympathy. From what I have heard on the television, Mrs. McAuliffe sounded a very nice and popular person. I'm also offering my deepest sympathy to the families of the crew.

Yours Sincerely
L.M. Simmonds.

Wallingford School
St Georges Road
Wallingford
Oxon
OX10 0LB
4:2:86

The Principal and Students
Concord High School
Concord
New Hampshire
USA

Dear Students,

It is hard to put pen to paper to express my deepest sympathy at the death of your teacher. From what I have heard she must have been a very nice person and friend. It must be a very difficult time for you at the moment. She must have been a very brave person, who has helped to pave the way to space for the ordinary citizen.

Yours sincerley

John Dickinson

6 Rowland Road,
Chobrey,
Oxon,
4.2.86

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A

Dear students,

It will be hard to express my deepest feelings on paper. I have seen on television what a wonderful, caring person Mrs McAuliffe was. I am sure the tragedy has made people more determined to conquer space travel. It must have taken great courage for her to take the risks of space travel. It must have given her great pleasure to know that she was going to be the first civilian in space. I am sure the memory will live on, of Mrs McAuliffe as one of the most courageous people who ever lived.

Yours sincerely

Mark Britton

Wallingford School,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire,
OX10 0LB,
ENGLAND,
4th February 86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Students,

I don't know how it must feel for you about the loss of your teacher Christa McAuliffe, because it has never happened to me, but you do have my greatest sympathy.

She must have been a brave woman with no fear or fright of what the consequences were. I hope you manage to get over your grief soon.

Yours sincerely
Antony Woodard.

Wallingford School
Wallingford,
South Oxfordshire.
OX10 0LB
England,
4.2.86.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Students,

I can't imagine how it must feel to suffer the loss of your teacher, Mrs Christa McAuliffe. She must have been a very brave woman to take up the challenge of space travel and you have my deepest sympathy. She must have known this could have happened but still decided to go ahead with the flight.

Yours Sincerely
Luke Whitehead.

17, Observatory Close,
Benson,
Oxford,
OX96NU.
England.

4th February 1986.

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire,
U.S.A.

Dear Principal and Students,

I send my deepest condolences in this, your time of great sadness. It is very difficult for me to show my sympathy as I didn't know Mrs McAuliffe but it must be a great loss to you.

I have heard what a wonderful teacher she was and how much she was liked by everyone.

It was a great shock to watch the take-off on a news flash. It was such a great tragedy.

This has made a great impression

on me, and I am sure that she will be remembered by many people as a hero in space exploration.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Clark

(SARAH CLARK.)

53 Wilding Road,
Wallingford,
OXON .
OX10 8AG
England
4-2-1986

Principal and Students,
Concord High School
Concord
New Hampshire
U.S.A

Dear Students,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy over your tragic loss. I know words can never replace this brave and outstanding woman. I know Christa McAuliffe has left a deep and good impression in my mind. I hope everyone remembers her as a friend and a wonderful woman. We were all deeply shocked at the news. Again I wish to express deepest sympathy.

Yours Sincerely,
Georgina Longbottom

23, Saxon Close,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire
OX10 0SR
ENGLAND
4,2,86

The Principal and students
Concord High School
Concord,
New Hampshire
USA

Dear Students,

I am deeply saddened
by the loss of such a brave citizen
and all those who travelled with her
in the space shuttle. I can't imagine
how it must have felt at that tragic
moment in your lives and hers.

I hope that she is remembered for
ever as a brave and a very special lady.

Yours Sincerely,
Tracey Wernham

Mamhill Stables
Wantage rd.
Streatley
Berkshire.
ENGLAND

4.2.86

The Principal and Students,
Concord High School,
Concord,
New Hampshire
U.S.A.

Dear students,

I am finding it very difficult to write on paper what I feel but will try the best that I can. I cannot imagine what you must be feeling at the moment at the loss of such a great lady. It was to be such a historic trip in your lives and hers, ruined by such a tragic disaster. I express my deepest sympathy for such a brave woman, the people who travelled with her and everybody who was close to her and knew her well. I don't know how it must feel for you as I have

never been in that sort of situation before, but I know that she was very special to you and she will be remembered as a brave citizen and a loving friend.

She has made an impression on my mind ~~as~~ of the sort of person I would have loved to have known and been a great friend of.

Once again, I sympathize with you at this time and hope you understand what I am trying to say.

Yours sincerely
Aislin Lewis.

Wallingford School,
Wallingford,
Oxfordshire,
OX10 0LB

The Principal and Students
Canard High School
Canard
New Hampshire

Dear Principal and students,
I am very sorry about you losing Christa
Mc Auliffe. You must have been very proud
of her attempting to go into outer
space. At least she had the guts to do
it, and died trying something that many
will not have the chance to do.

yours sincerely,
Lee Beesley