

# Tributes to former John Fisher pupil killed by car

'Fantastic' graduate died three days after incident, aged only 21

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TRIBUTES have been paid to a "fantastic" graduate who died days after being hit by a car in Purley.

George Beresford, 21, was hit by a BMW at 1.37am on Sunday, February 7, in Ingleboro Drive – just 300 yards away from his family home in Buttermere Gardens.

He was taken to a south London hospital but died three days later.

Dozens of floral tributes to the former John Fisher School student have been left near where the incident happened.

One note from a cousin read: "I will always love you. Look after everyone up there, fantastic man."

## Family

Friends and family also gave their tributes to George online.

One family friend said on Facebook: "Lovely George. Just can't believe what has happened."

A university friend posted a picture with George on his graduation day saying: "Thank you for everything, brother."

George attended John Fisher School between 2005 and 2012 where he took A levels in maths, physics and business studies. He



**SYMPATHIES:** George is a former The John Fisher School pupil

went on to study maths at the University of Exeter.

Philip McCullagh, head teacher of John Fisher School, said: "The close knit John Fisher School community was deeply saddened to hear about the sudden death of one of its former students."

"George was a typical John Fisher student who performed well academically and tried to do his best in all aspects during his time at the school."

The school are planning to hold a memorial following George's funeral.

Neighbour Ashley Milne said: "It's hard to know this has happened to a family. He was so young."

Ingleboro Drive resident Nigel

Edwards, 63, said: "My wife heard a noise outside the window and she looked out and saw a man lying in the road. I woke up and looked too."

"The emergency services came and the Air Ambulance arrived to pick him up from nearby."

An inquest into George's death has been opened and adjourned.

The driver of the BMW was arrested at the scene and later bailed to a south London police station on a date in June, the Metropolitan Police said in a statement.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at Catford Traffic Garage on 020 8285 1574.



**TRIBUTE:** Flowers left in tribute to George in Ingleboro Drive



**GUESTS:** The winners with KrepT and Konan and Alisa Flemming

## Rap stars hand out the prizes

MORE than 200 children from secondary schools in Croydon were treated to a special surprise when rap stars KrepT and Konan turned up as special guests to Croydon's schools awards.

They made a cameo appearance at the awards, held at Fairfield Halls on February 25, presenting prizes to youngsters and signing autographs.

The awards, introduced by the Mayor of Croydon, Patricia Hay-Justice, recognised pupils who have excelled over the past year, with 15 categories ranging from individual academic subjects to serving the community.

Alisa Flemming, spokesman for schools, young people and learning, said: "As a former Croydon student myself, I think it is important that we recognise the talent, inspiration and commitment that our young people have. I want each and every one of them to be like our award winners and be able to say 'I am a person who can'."

KrepT and Konan's appearance came weeks after the council announced a joint venture with the duo, Positive Youth Direction, running music and graphic design workshops.

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