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Dear Parent/Carer

We're sorry to have to write to you to let you know the whole school community is in shock and mourning after the tragic death of our student, Evan Hawksworth, following an accident which occurred whilst playing for his rugby league club, Stanley Rangers, on Sunday.

A great many students, parents and staff will be very upset over the coming days, and beyond. As a school community it is critical that we show respect, tolerance and kindness to each other. We also must be mindful of and respectful to Evan's family at this difficult time for them.

We are keeping students informed of the situation and supporting students by making a quiet space available for them to go to if they are upset or want to talk to someone. The pastoral team, leadership team and staff members will make themselves available and students are being encouraged to talk to someone if they feel they need to.

A book of condolence has been opened today, as somewhere for students and staff to offer their respects to Evan's family. We will make sure that everyone who wants to sign it gets the opportunity over the coming days.

This is going to be a very challenging time for us all as a school community. It is very important that we look after each other and respect Evan's memory. We are in close contact with the family and are committed to supporting them in celebrating Evan's life.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Bradley
Head of School

Mr A Goulty
Executive Headteacher