

Statement from School

12 July 2017

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.

Evan was an exceptional young man; a popular student with staff and students alike, and he loved school! He was a keen and very talented drummer and was able to turn his hand to any aspect of music making. Evan was also passionate about cooking and one day wanted to own a restaurant. Evan is probably best known for being an outstanding sportsman, captaining his Rugby Union team from year 7 onwards. He was selected to be part of the Year 8 County Cup Final rugby squad when in Year 7, highlighting the high regard he was held in by both rugby coaches and peers alike. Evan received Players Player of the year when he was in Year 7, an accolade which he received due to his commitment to training and the consistently high level of performance within our competitive fixture list. He was awarded Coaches Player of the Year in Year 8, and this year Evan received our prestigious Sports Personality of the Year award at our annual sports presentation awards. Evan wanted to pursue his love of sport at Loughborough University in the future. Evan also worked hard at his studies, excelling in all his subjects and winning subject prizes in Science, English and RE at the school awards evening only last week. He was described by his teachers as "a joy to teach" and "always giving 100%". Despite all his achievements and successes Evan was always extremely modest, and was a friendly, pleasant and polite young man at all times.

Evan will be dearly missed by us all at Rodillian. We would ask that the school community be given time to grieve, as we continue to provide ongoing support for our students and staff. Our thoughts are with Evan's family at this difficult time, and we are committed to supporting them in celebrating Evan's life.