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Dear Parents/Carers

As your child may have informed you, over the weekend one of our Sixth Form students, Leighton Skelton, was tragically killed in a road accident. Leighton was a Year 13 student and his passing has shocked and deeply saddened all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family at this time and we will be doing everything we can to offer them our support.

We have spoken personally to all of Leighton's friends and have arranged support from external agencies for those for whom it would be helpful. At times like this, young people benefit from routine and consistency so we have, where possible, continued to operate a normal school day. Please encourage your child to speak to a member of staff in school should they need to speak about any concerns or worries they may have.

It may be that your child wants to speak to you about what has happened as a means of coming to terms with the loss and we would encourage you to have those conversations with them. If you think your child would benefit from accessing professional support, please do let us know and we will arrange this.

Tragic events such as this impact on us all in a close-knit community such as ours. We mourn together as a school community and, in due course, will find the appropriate opportunity to mark Leighton's life and his contribution to our school and lives.

With such tragic news, we have made the decision to postpone the Live Broadcast which was scheduled for Thursday 5th May. I will be in touch with a rescheduled date shortly.

Yours faithfully

Mr Markham
Principal



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