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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the summer holidays, I am writing with the very sad news that one of our Year 11 students, Hamid Mohammed, tragically drowned in the River Eden on Saturday evening. He and his friends had just finished football training with their team, Carlisle Reavers, and had gone for a quick swim as they often do.

We will all miss Hamid who was a very popular and friendly student with considerable potential. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hamid's friends and family at this time.

A number of Hamid's friends witnessed the incident and did everything they could to try and save him when he got into difficulty. Their bravery is to be commended and we are very proud of the action they took to try and save Hamid.

Incidents such as this can affect all of us and it may be that your child wants to speak to you or someone else about what has happened. As it is now the summer holidays, we don't have the same routine and opportunities as a school to mourn and grieve together. We will, however, be opening the school for a number of occasions this week so that students can access professional support should they need it. The school will be open from 9:00am until 1:00pm for students to access any support. If your child is affected by this incident and wants to speak to a counsellor, please do contact [safeguarding@rrca.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rrca.org.uk). Likewise, if as a parent you feel it would be helpful to talk to someone, please do let us know.

We will also have a memorial with a book of condolence in the school grounds, where Hamid spent many lunch times with his friends. Any students wishing to lay flowers or write in the book may do so when school is open as specified above.

Such tragedies as this are heart-breaking and we mourn together as a school community.

Yours sincerely

**Dan Markham**  
Principal



**Principal:** Miss C Bacon

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