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Dear Parents & Carers

I am sure you are all aware of the tragedy that took place on Friday evening. As a school community we are heartbroken that, yet again, we are facing a tragic loss of life from amongst our student population.

At present, we are mourning the loss of Lewis Kirkpatrick from Year 10. Lewis was a lovely and very popular young man – a true gentleman – with a very promising future. It is truly devastating to have lost him and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Jaden Doyle from Year 9 who remains in intensive care in hospital in Newcastle and whom we very much hope pulls through. Jaden, like Lewis, has been a kind, considerate and enthusiastic student to teach and a popular member of his Year Group and the school.

I very much hoped that I would never need to write letters like this again after the other tragic losses of the past two years and I know that our thoughts will be with all those we have lost at the moment. Coping with tragedies such as this can be extremely difficult.

So, whilst it is half term this week, school will be open every morning from Tuesday – Friday with specialist staff able to offer support to students who are coming to terms with what has happened. We also have offers of support from our Barnardo's Team and our Manchester United Foundation Practitioner to support students who need it. If you believe your child would benefit from this support, please use the reporting form on the website or email safeguarding@rrca.org.uk.

Over the coming days, we will likewise open a book of condolence in our Memorial Garden which students can sign when they return to school.

Once again, we are mourning together as a school community. It is heart-breaking, but we will come through this together; ever mindful of those we have lost.

Yours faithfully

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