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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we end this week, our school is still in mourning following the recent tragedy.

We continue to keep the family of the student in our thoughts and prayers. We will continue to do everything we can to support them in the coming months.

Since the tragedy we have done everything possible to support our students. This support has been provided by senior staff, pastoral staff, our school counsellor, and Local Authority Educational Psychologists. We have worked with students in large groups, small groups and individually. In particular we have targeted those who are close to the student who passed away and other vulnerable students.

We recognise that grief impacts on people at different times and in different ways. **Please encourage your child to talk about how they are feeling.** It would be normal to feel sad, confused, upset or angry in this situation. It is important to encourage them to discuss these emotions. The tragedy may remind our students of losses which they have suffered and reopen their feelings of grief. **Please contact the school if you feel that your child needs additional support.** We are determined that we will help every child through this situation.

I want to update you on the ongoing support that we will put in place for our students in the coming months:

- We have made arrangements to 'keep in touch' with year 11 after they have left us. They will have the opportunity to come back into school to receive support. We will be 'checking in' on vulnerable students.
- We will continue to 'check in' on vulnerable students in school and offer support as necessary.
- We will continue to remind all students that support is available for them in school. We will continue our work to promote good mental health for all our students.
- As we approach the summer holiday, we will again be issuing the Child Line phone number, so that students can access help at any time.

Once again, I ask that you do not share rumours or speculation about what has happened on social media. Many of these posts contain incorrect information.

Finally, I would like to commend and thank the Moat staff for their support of our students during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

*Mr B Killeen*

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