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Dear Parent

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you about the sudden death of one of our students in Year 10. The children were told this morning in year groups by me and with the support of their tutors and other staff.

She died as a result of complications following planned surgery. Your child may or may not want to talk about it, but it is likely that they will need your special care, attention and reassurance at this difficult time.

We are all deeply affected by her death, but we are trying, for the children's sake, to keep the school as normal as possible over the coming days, whilst allowing the children opportunities to talk if they want to. Trained staff from the Critical Incident Team are helping to support us through this difficult time. If you feel that your child needs extra support, please let us know.

Our thoughts are with the family, and the whole school community sends them our most sincere sympathy and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A. Gibbins,

Mrs Amanda Gibbins
Headteacher

