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Dear Parents and Carers

I am very sad to inform you that one of our former students tragically died on Saturday. This will affect the whole school community and our thoughts and sympathies are with her family and friends coping with their loss.

We are aware as a school that people can be affected by such news in different ways and appreciate that there will be both staff and students who may be in need of support and guidance. The expression of feelings resulting from bereavement is an essential part of the grieving process and support is already in place to assist students with this. Children/young people affected by bereavement may need the opportunity to discuss events and ask questions and also have the time and space to come to terms with their thoughts and emotions.

Advice on helping children/young people to cope with loss is available in school. However, if you feel that you need further information and/or support for either yourself or your child, please get in touch with Mrs Linzi Stanway at the academy, telephone 01229 484274 or email: [lstanway@furnessacademy.co.uk](mailto:lstanway@furnessacademy.co.uk).

Yours faithfully

Mr S P Laheney  
**Headteacher**



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