



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

This morning we heard of the tragic and unexpected death of a Year 11 pupil at the weekend. She died at home and police inform me that her death is not being treated as suspicious.

All year groups have been informed of this in assemblies this morning, and support has been available through our own staff and we have liaised with staff from the Local Authority including an Educational Psychologist, to support staff and students. This support will continue to be available beyond today.

At this difficult time our thoughts are with the family, but we are aware of the need to support all of our students, and particularly those who were close to the student involved, over the coming days. As a further support measure I have listed the websites of some of the most appropriate national sources of support at the foot of this letter.

In situations like this young people react in different ways - your child may wish to talk about how it affects them but may want to be quiet and reflective, or may prefer to talk with his or her friends. I am sure that you will be sensitive to how your child reacts and be supportive to whatever he or she is feeling.

If you are particularly concerned about your child/children then please do not hesitate to contact school in the usual manner through tutors or the relevant pastoral staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C A Sugden  
Headteacher

<http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/>

<http://www.winstonswish.org.uk/>