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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the tragic news we shared on Monday, I want to update you on how the week has unfolded and the support available to students.

Firstly, I must express my immense pride in our students. Their kindness, support for one another, and thoughtfulness towards staff have been deeply moving. Their resilience and compassion in navigating this loss have been remarkable.

This week, we have provided a flexible approach to lessons, allowing students to attend class or find quiet spaces, including Antares, where they can reflect, talk, listen to music, or seek support. We have also had a team of mental health professionals on-site to offer guidance and who will be with us for the foreseeable future.

As we move forward, we will gently encourage students to re-engage with lessons, helping them regain focus and prepare for their revision over the break. Further information on holiday masterclasses and additional support—both at school and in the community—will be shared later this week.

If you have concerns about your child, particularly if they are struggling to express their emotions, please reach out. Some students may mask their feelings at school, so your insights are invaluable in ensuring they receive the support they need.

A tribute area has been set up near our pedestrian gate, accessible from 07:00 to 21:00 daily, with a quiet seating space nearby at The Lodge. We are also compiling a book of condolences in Antares, where students can leave messages or pictures for Shay's family.

Regarding school matters:

- a) Reports will be issued tomorrow due to a slight delay.
- b) For those who need to upload predicted grades to Reigate College, I have spoken personally with the Principal, and they have agreed to extend the submission deadline - date of which we will confirm with you once we hear.
- c) Our Parent Consultation Evening will proceed as planned tomorrow, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress. We are also liaising with exam boards to apply for special consideration for Year 11 students in light of these circumstances.

We remain committed to supporting our students through this difficult time and appreciate your partnership in helping them navigate their grief. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further support.



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