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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the sudden passing of one of our students, Hollie Andrews. Hollie was a student in Year 10 at Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College. The death is not related to COVID-19 and there are no suspicious circumstances.

Hollie was an amazing young lady with a lot of spirit who had a unique bond with everyone she met.

This terrible loss of young life will have a significant impact on the school and wider community and we have been working hard over the weekend with Trust and Local Authority Colleagues and the Educational Psychology Service to ensure that we have the most appropriate support available for students, staff and of course, the family.

When someone dies, young people may experience many different feelings, such as sadness or anger. Some students may feel shocked and upset by the news, while others may be confused or numb. These reactions are all normal.

Please be encouraged to talk openly about what has happened with your child at home and offer additional reassurances. The following websites are extremely useful:

www.childbereavementuk.org

www.griefencounter.org.uk

There is also a free Child Bereavement UK app available via Apple App Store and Google play that has been designed by bereaved young people for young people.

I would also encourage you to contact your child's Pastoral Manager or Progress Leader, if you feel your child needs further support, using the following email addresses:

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edmondsonk@holderness.academy

mellish@holderness.academy

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This will be a very difficult period for our school community and we ask that you are patient should we take more time than usual to respond to other issues as this will be our primary focus.

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On behalf of the family could I ask that you take time to speak to your child about the use of social media and any potential contact with journalists at this most difficult time. We must all unite together to ensure that Hollie's family are at the heart of our thoughts and our sympathies, and treat them with respect at this time of tragic loss.

We will of course keep you updated as we learn more over the coming few days.

As ever we thank you for your continued support at this most difficult time and if you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school on office@holderness.academy

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Wilson', written in black ink.

Mr S Wilson
Headteacher