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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the tragic accident that has happened to one of our Year 11 learners over the weekend. We were informed yesterday, that Ruby Davies was hit by a car on Friday evening and was transferred to Birmingham Children's Hospital for critical care. Despite the best efforts of the paramedics and hospital staff, Ruby sadly passed away yesterday.

We have informed the learners in school and they are being supported by staff and I have also taken advice from Dudley Educational Psychology Service in how we can best support learners and staff that were closest to Ruby.

It is our intention with her family's permission to have a place of reflection in the school grounds that will give learners a place to go to pay their respects and sign a book of condolence. If learners or the community wish to bring flowers or tributes in memory of Ruby, they can be placed outside the main Simms Lane gate and we will transfer them to the memory tree inside the fencing at the end of each day.

This is obviously a very upsetting time for both learners and staff but we have been advised to keep the routine in school as normal as is possible. If your child needs additional support at this difficult time, please encourage them to speak to their Form Tutor or Learning Manager in the first instance.

In school, Ruby was a quietly determined young lady with a wonderful sense of humour. She gave 100% in her studies and was compassionate, caring and resilient. The absence of her will leave a huge gap in our school community and she will be sadly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Ruby's family and friends at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



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