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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the tragic passing of a pupil Friday afternoon.

Sam Haycock (Year 11) was at Ulley Reservoir when he got into difficulty in the water. Despite the gallant efforts of his friends they were unable to prevent him from drowning.

This has come as a great shock to us all and I know it will have an impact on pupils, staff and parents alike. Despite school being closed for half term this week, we are still here to offer support to those who need it. Please email childprotection@oakwood.ac if you would like advice or support. WE will endeavour to direct you to the right person. or a support service. Alternatively there are a number of local and national organisations that provide bereavement support and those are included at the end of this letter.

On our return to school, staff will be available to support pupils and we will provide a space for quiet reflection. Although our Year 11 pupils have now finished after their assessments, if they need to access support, they are very welcome to come into school.

This is an incredibly sad time for us all and our thoughts go out to Sam's family and friends. With the permission of the family we have set up an online book of condolences. If you would like to contribute to this, please follow the link below.

[Book of Condolence](#)

On behalf of the family can I ask that we respect their privacy at this incredibly difficult time. The thoughts of the Oakwood High School family are with everyone affected at this incredibly sad time.

Yours faithfully

Mr Eccles - Head of School

Letter translation is available.

Ak potrebujete pomoc s prekladom, kludne mi napíšte email a ja vám zavolám pri prvej vhodnej príležitosti. Moja emailová adresa je h.vereczy@oakwood.ac

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Counselling and Support	Contact
The Samaritans Available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress, despair or suicidal thoughts.	08457 90 90 90 www.samaritans.org
Childline - 24 hour help and support for children.	www.childline.org.uk
Cruse Bereavement Care Promotes the well-being of bereaved people and enables anyone bereaved by death to understand their grief and cope with their loss. The organisation provides support and offers information, advice, education and training services.	www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk
Winston's Wish is the largest provider of services to bereaved children, young people and their families in the UK.	www.winstonswish.org.uk
YoungMinds is the UK's leading national charity committed to improving the mental health and emotional well-being of all children and young people.	www.youngminds.org.uk
Rotherham CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.	01709 304808 www.camhs.rdash.nhs.uk