

18th December 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are sure that many of you will be aware from social media and press reports over the last few days that the police have been searching for one of our ex-pupils, now a Year 11 student at Kings, who was reported missing last week.

It is with great sadness that we are writing to inform you that a body has been found near Tipton St John and is believed to be that of the missing student. A formal identification has still to be made.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the student at this most difficult time and I would ask that you respect the family's privacy and feelings.

Our aim is to be as normal as possible in school and to continue with the week as was planned.

We are also mindful that this will be a difficult time for such a small village and school communities to comprehend this difficult news. Additional support may be required for students and staff as they come to terms with this news. The school does have access to support and is being well supported by The Samaritans, Devon County Council, the Educational Psychology Service and local clergy. This help will continue as necessary over the coming days in the lead up to the end of the term.

If you wish to access any of this support or have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Butler and Michael Tuckett