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Dear Parent/Guardian

You may already be aware of an incident that took place in Lower Earley on Saturday 23 May in which a young man died following a stabbing incident. As the police investigation has progressed, it has become clear that the victim was Muhammad 'Noor' Butt, a former Maiden Erlegh School student.

This is an extremely sad situation, and we extend our condolences to Noor's family, friends and all those affected.

A number of students and staff at Maiden Erlegh School will have known Noor well and the impact of his death will no doubt be felt across both the school and wider local community. We are putting appropriate pastoral support arrangements in place for any students who may be affected by what has happened.

The police investigation remains ongoing, and Thames Valley Police have asked that people avoid speculation. We would ask all parents and guardians to support us with this by encouraging young people to avoid sharing rumours or unverified information online or in person, and to be mindful that some students and staff may be particularly affected by what has happened.

All students in Years 7–10 and Year 12 were informed during registration today that they should not discuss the incident, either in person or online. We have been unable to communicate this to Year 11 and Year 13 students due to them sitting exams. Therefore, we kindly ask that you discuss this with your child(ren) this evening, or as soon as possible, to ensure they understand that they should not discuss the incident.

Students will be reminded that they should speak to a member of staff if they feel they need support or are worried about themselves or somebody else.

We will continue to work closely with local agencies over the coming weeks. If you have any concerns about your child, or feel they may need additional support, please contact the school in the usual way. Should you have any information relevant to the police investigation please contact with Thames Valley Police direct.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Jump
Headteacher

