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Dear Families of Bredon Hill Academy,

Following my letter to you on Monday, I am extremely saddened to confirm that one of our Year 7 students, Miya, died on Sunday evening. As a school, we are devastated and we share our sincerest condolences with Miya's family and friends.

Miya was a popular young lady, with friendships spreading across different year groups and particularly with those who live in the tight-knit village of Elmley Castle. Miya was kind, considerate of her peers and staff and had a highly infectious smile, lighting up any room she went into.

The school has been liaising with the Local Authority and West Mercia Police and has taken advice from other external agencies. All pupils have had a special assembly, and I know that we will all support each other in the coming days, weeks and months as one kind, compassionate and empathetic Bredon Hill Academy community. Counselling support from the Local Authority has been made available for pupils and staff, alongside our own wellbeing team, and Reverend Katryn has also kindly visited.

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England. They offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies, and they work to enhance society's care of bereaved people. If you feel your child is in need of support, more information is available here:

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/understanding-grief/grief-experiences/children-young-people/>.

We will look at ways to commemorate Miya's memory in the weeks ahead, working with her family and friends to ensure that their wishes are respected.

I would ask the community to respect the privacy of the family at this very sensitive and sad time.

Miya will be a shining star in our hearts forever. May she rest in peace.

Mr Michael Horton, Headteacher.