

West Derby School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you to confirm that one of our Year 9 pupils was involved in a tragic accident on 30 June 2024.

You may have seen in local news that a fourteen year old boy was swept away with the tide on Crosby Beach. I am so sorry to confirm that the boy was one of our Year 9 pupils, Daniel Halliday, and his body was formally identified at the weekend.

The school community have been informed of this tragic event and we as a staff are continuing to offer our support to anyone who needs it during and following this very difficult time.

The boys have been signposted as to which staff they can turn to for support, but of course they know that they can go to any member of staff at any time. Staff will be encouraging the boys to talk about their feelings and express their emotions.

Moreover, the boys can access support from external services if they wish to do so. CAMHS Crisis Line (0151 293 3577) and the YPAS WISH service (Walk In Support Hub - YPAS) are ready and willing to support any young people who are affected. There is also a poster on the school's website to signpost parents, carers and pupils to support.

Daniel's family have understandably requested privacy, and our thoughts and prayers are with them during this devastating time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Graham
Headteacher