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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write as we close out the week to provide you with an update, following the incident that took place on Tuesday.

As you know, the police have made arrests, and their investigation continues. We continue to be in close touch with the police and are working with them to ensure safety plans.

In school, I am pleased to share that our students showed great maturity in how they responded to what had happened and the rest of the week has continued as normal. We have also been working closely with the parents of pupils who were involved, providing support to them.

I thought it would be helpful to share some further detail on the work we do to make sure that Hall Green continues to be a safe and nurturing place where young people thrive.

In school, our PSHE programme includes topics on relationships, conflict and safety, and our pastoral team works with any pupils where they are known issues to resolve – this includes on social media and out of school time.

More broadly, our school-based police officer has run – and will continue to run assemblies on knife crime, as we did following the tragic death of Leo Ross.

Our staff are well trained and are vigilant on duty during break and lunchtimes, but also when they move around school more broadly and know to highlight any areas of concern. As you know, they are also on duty before and after school – both inside school, at the gate and around the community.

We absolutely understand that what happened this week will have been hugely concerning for families. If you have any specific concerns, please do get in touch with your Head of Year and also encourage your child to speak to the Head of Year or another staff member if they have any worries.

Some parents have asked us what they can do to support the school's focus on safety. We are encouraging the pupils not to hang around outside the College after school, and anything you can do to support that message would be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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