



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the body of a local man was found on the school campus in the early hours of Sunday morning. Police were called to the scene and for a period of time, whilst investigations were ongoing, the school site was closed to the community. Investigations into this tragic event were completed on the site by late on Sunday afternoon and, in consultation with the police, the Director of Education and the Chair of Governors a decision was made that the school would open on Monday morning. This decision was not taken lightly and has been made to try to ensure some sort of normality for any young people and staff affected. A school can be an important focal point for the community in circumstances such as these and we will do our best to support those families affected. Counselling has been offered through the school and RCT to the individuals from our staff who were first on the scene on Sunday morning and this is a good example of what could not have been done while the school might have remained closed.

I am sure you would join us in offering our thoughts and deepest sympathies to the family of the deceased and as a mark of respect flags on the site will be lowered to half mast. Please let us know if your child has been affected by the very unfortunate events of the weekend and you feel we could support in any way.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr J N Hicks
Headteacher.

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