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Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

Head Teacher: Mr M Dean

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the very sad news that Joseph Whitworth, a student in Year 11 who was just about to join our Sixth Form, has passed away following a tragic accident. The thoughts and prayers of everyone in our school go to Joseph's family and friends and we are all devastated to have such an amazing member of our school community taken from us.

Joseph was a truly brilliant student; determined, enthusiastic and hardworking, with a great sense of humour! He was very academic; studying Maths, English, Separate Sciences, Geography, Computer Science and Business GCSEs. Although he shone in all his subjects his particular love was science and maths. We were looking forward to him joining our Sixth Form in September to study Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths at A level.

Joseph's other love was following football, especially Manchester United, and he would always discuss with staff and friends the latest football scores and team achievements.

Joseph had a great friendship group, including many from his primary school, and was popular with staff and students alike. We will always remember him as a young person with a great sense of fun, a love of learning and the spirit to always meet a challenge.

Our school community was a better place for having Joseph as part of it. He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him and spending time with him.

Tomorrow is an important milestone for everyone in Joseph's year group. We will be in school to support our students as they collect their GCSE results from 9am. As the year group returns to our Sixth Form in September we will continue to offer support and will celebrate Joseph's life and achievements together.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Joseph's family and friends.

With my best wishes,

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