



West Kirby Grammar School Statement

Dear members of our immediate and wider school community,

It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the terribly saddening news that, following the critical incident involving one of our chartered bus services on Friday 29 September, Jessica Baker of Year 11 has passed away.

It is hard to find the words to describe such a tragic loss and I know all our thoughts will be with Jessica's family and friends at this unimaginably sad and difficult time.

Unequivocally kind and empathetic, Jessica was a dedicated friend who was a well-liked and respected member of our school community. She was an unassuming, polite and conscientious student who exemplified the values of our school. Jessica was also a keen sportswoman, representing her House and the school in numerous competitions, and demonstrating an unwavering love of - and commitment to - rock climbing, where she had previously represented Wales in national competitions.

Jessica will be greatly and sadly missed by her friends, teammates, classmates, and all at West Kirby Grammar School who had the pleasure and privilege to encounter her.

On our return to school, we will continue to work closely with her family and friends to ensure that we celebrate Jessica's life in the most fitting way possible.

These are difficult and challenging times for many of us, but I have always had and continue to have great belief in the strength of our community to support one another and pull together in times of need.

We are extremely proud of our students and community as a whole for the way in which they have responded to the events of Friday. We know that many of our community have been directly and indirectly affected by these events and we have already put in place a comprehensive programme of support for students and staff, details of which have been sent through our normal lines of communication. We will continue to enhance this provision in the coming days as further support is sourced to allow us to extend this to parents and carers.

Thank you for your messages of support at this time and please be assured that we will continue to communicate all additional information as and when we are able to do so, but please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

With kind regards,

Mr S Clarke
Headteacher