

## **STATEMENT – For immediate release**

7 July 2017

### **STATEMENT FOLLOWING WYTHYR LANE AREA FATALITY**

“Leeds West Academy deeply regrets to confirm that we have received news that one of our students has recently passed away, following an incident in the Wyther Lane area of Leeds. The parents and family are aware of this tragic incident.

All aspects of the incident are being handled by the emergency services, as the accident did not occur during school time or on the Academy grounds. We are presently awaiting more information, which we will share with our wider community as it becomes available.

Leeds West Academy has now confirmed the passing of this young person to all year groups and we are providing bereavement support to those who need it through our pastoral systems. A full outline of our support will be made available on our academy website.

Our whole school community is devastated at this tragic news, as we join together to mourn the loss of a young life. We all wish to pass our deepest condolences to family and friends at this very sad time. I would like to thank our supportive wider community and I ask that the privacy of the family continues to be maintained.”

**Christian Wilcocks**  
Principal  
Leeds West Academy

**ENDS**

### **NOTES TO THE EDITOR**

- We have informed all students and our pastoral staff are supporting our students at this time.
- This event did not occur on site or during school time.
- More details of our systems of support will follow at [leedswestacademy.org.uk](http://leedswestacademy.org.uk)

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