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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with the deepest regret that I write to inform you that I have been told by the police that yesterday they recovered a body from the river. Although awaiting formal identification, it is believed that it is the body of our missing colleague and friend, Geraldine Teasdale.

At this very sad time all our thoughts and sympathy are with Geraldine's husband, daughters, family, and friends. We offer our very sincere condolences to them, and I am sure that you would wish me to convey yours also.

I spoke to the staff after school yesterday and they were clearly deeply distressed by the news. This is the reason why the Year 11 Parents' evening could not go ahead.

Today I spoke to all our students to tell them the very sad news. I found this a very upsetting and difficult situation but I was reassured by their mature and empathetic response. Clearly, some of our students and staff will need additional support, and we will offer guidance and counselling where appropriate.

This is a distressing time for Teddington School, but knowing that we have the support and understanding of all our students, staff and parents, will be a great comfort to everyone.

Yours sincerely

R T Weeks

Head

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Information re Mrs Teasdale January 2010