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Dear Parents

Principal: M.T. Carney B.A., M.Phil. (Cantab)

You will be aware we have been praying for a school family following the explosion on Sunday night. The Police have issued the following statement today:

"The emergency services investigating the cause of the explosion in Hinckley Road, Leicester on Sunday night have today named five people who are missing.

Mary Ragoobee, 46, and her two sons Shane, 18, and Sean, 17, who lived in the flat above the supermarket which was destroyed in the explosion, are missing.

Leah Beth Reek, 18, who is Shane's girlfriend, is also missing, as is 22-year-old Viktorija Ljevleva who is thought to have been working in the supermarket at the time of the explosion.

Human remains relating to five people have been recovered from the wreckage but given the devastation caused by the blast and subsequent fire, it may be some considerable time before the bodies can be formally identified.

The relatives of all five missing people have been informed and are being supported by specially-trained officers at this desperate time".

Two members of the Ragoobee family are current students of the school. I have spoken to students in Year 10 and Year 13 today and we have held Masses for all those caught up in the tragedy and prayed for the emergency services.

One of those named, Sean Ragoobee is a student in the Sixth Form and a member of 13 Campion. Sean was a highly committed student in addition to studies who gave his talents with exceptional generosity to the community life of the school and he was a greatly loved friend.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary, Sean, his elder brother Shane, Leah and Viktorija.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace  
Amen*

At this time we also pray for the survivors of the incident and all who have been affected.

On Friday we will be holding a Day of Solidarity and this will include the opportunity for students to attend Requiem Mass as well as to have a collection and undertake fundraising activities.

Pastoral support for students will be available throughout the week from the Chaplain, teachers and our Clergy.

I would like to thank parents and students for their support of one another and the Ragoobee family. At this time of great sadness it is good that we strive hard to live our motto: *May they all be one*.

Yours sincerely

Marius Carney  
Principal

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