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**From the Headmaster's Study**

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Dear Parents

You may have seen in the media the very upsetting news that Mrs Ali Rogerson, Christian Theology teacher and Tutor in St Dunstan's and St Oswald's, and her daughter Izzy (B21) were hit from behind by a tractor that mounted the pavement in Helmsley on New Year's Eve. Fortunately, they will both recover, but it was a terrible accident and it will take some time before they are better.

Ali was trapped under the tractor's wheels by her leg and is suffering from crush injuries, while Izzy was catapulted into metal railings and has a head wound and skull fracture. They were well-looked after in James Cook University Hospital on Teesside and are now thankfully continuing their recovery at home.

While communicating with Ali this week, in typical fashion, she seemed more concerned about the impact of her absence on her pupils than about her own recovery. She doesn't want to let them down. I will write separately to the parents of those affected to let you know what plans we have put in place while Ali recuperates.

Gerry Rogerson (H85), Ali's husband, and who has worked for years at Ampleforth supporting us with architectural services, says that it has been a horrific experience but they are so grateful for all the well wishes and kind messages. These are making all the difference.

I hope you will all join us in praying for all the Rogerson family and for the full recovery of Ali and Izzy.

Best wishes

**Jon Mutton**  
Headmaster