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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to you as the new Head of Year 11. I am delighted to have been able to take this role and look forward to supporting every student through their journey with us over the upcoming academic year.

As you will be aware, this year is one of great importance for our Year 11 students and one which will see them strive to achieve success to the best of their ability. I believe this refers not only to the upcoming GCSE examinations, but also in building up all aspects of character to prepare for life post-16.

Throughout the school year, it is critical that students maintain high standards of punctuality, behaviour and effort towards their learning. This is not only important in ensuring students meet the expectations of the school, but to ensure they are providing themselves with the best opportunities for their future after GCSEs. I appreciate the support that you will provide in ensuring that each student meets these standards throughout the year.

As you may be aware, the GCSE system has undergone some big changes which will affect the way in which your child receives their GCSEs. I have attached some leaflets which will provide you with more information on the new system, inclusive of the new grading structure. We will be holding a parental information evening on **Thursday 9 November** where we will provide you with more information on the new system and the ways in which you can best support your child through the year.

We will also be holding a tutor evening on **Thursday 5 October** which will provide you with the opportunity to meet with your child's tutor to discuss the upcoming year and to raise any issues or concerns you may have. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if there is something which you would like to discuss with them.

I look forward to meeting you in the future and supporting yourselves and our students through the year in the run up to their exams.

Kind regards

Miss K Hodder
Year Leader