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Parent / Carer

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Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to write to you to share with you how we have started this term and to thank you for your support in getting the Academy back to some normality.

I would like to start by complimenting the young people that come to the Academy on the effort and energy they have shown in our first full week back. You will be aware that we have introduced new procedures for how we deal with those students who disrupt learning. I am extremely proud of how most students have taken to this and we are already seeing better engagement in lessons. It has been a delight to get into lessons and see classes working hard, learning and getting new experiences. One of the most striking things this week has been the sound of music, dance and other practical lessons going ahead, which for many students are the areas they are most passionate about in their learning.

I am very aware I have not had a chance to meet most of you personally. Next week, we will be sending out invitations to our families for a series of Year Group based coffee mornings, in order that we have an opportunity to talk through my vision and direction of the Academy and to provide you with an opportunity to provide us with any feedback.

Thank you to those of you who have contacted me to show appreciation for the new stance on behaviour. I would like to point out that we have not introduced any new rules, just how we respond to those who let us and themselves down. I firmly believe that by setting our expectations high and refusing to compromise, we all benefit. People being accountable for their actions is important and as such, I do want to make it clear that any student wilfully damaging Academy property will be charged. I would welcome your co-operation in ensuring that this is not the case. More importantly, I will be meeting with Student Councils over the next few weeks to establish a rewards system and a culture that recognises the excellent work and effort that the vast majority of our students demonstrate on a daily basis.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week of term. I look forward to continuing to work with you and to supporting our young people to grow together over the coming weeks and years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Farquhar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gordon Farquhar
Principal