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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students

Re: Change of Head of Learning

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to inform you that from Monday 27th June 2022, I will become the new Head of Learning for Year 10. This position has become available to me due to Ms Nunweiler having started her maternity leave earlier this term. You will be aware that Mrs Dowden has been looking after the year group while I have completed my role with the current Year 11 students who have been sitting their GCSE exams. I would like to thank Mrs Dowden for her work in looking after the Year 10 students during this interim period.

Your child will be finishing the last four weeks of this summer term having completed a round of end of year exams and having taken part in a work experience placement, either in or out of school, next week. I am looking forward to getting to know the Year 10 students during this period of time as we are due to have a very busy year, next year, as I take them through the experiences of Year 11. I have many years of experience of working with students in Key Stage 4 and especially with students during their final exam year. Students should be under no illusion that next year will involve a lot of hard work for them as we build towards and prepare for their final GCSE exams in May 2023. From my experience Year 11 students often reflect that they enjoy Year 11 because it is so busy with lots of important things, such as pre-public and public exams to prepare for, and post 16 options to consider and organise. They always mention how the year flies by and that all of the main challenges with coursework and other preparations are done by the end of the spring term.

Not only will the focus next year be on learning in lessons, completion of coursework and pre-public exams, but I will also be sharing a great deal of information with students to help them make appropriate decisions about their future careers. I have a programme of Careers Information and Guidance (CIAG) that will be delivered during tutor time modules, my assemblies and Extended Project Days that will support students with their applications for sixth form places, college courses, apprenticeship schemes and entering the world of work.

There are traditions that take place in year 11 that recognise and celebrate the end of a student's formal, compulsory education, namely the summer ball and our leavers' day, with a final, celebratory assembly. These events are by invitation only and are designed to recognise the hard work, commitment, determination and exemplary behaviour that I will be expecting from our Year 11 students next year.

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Students who display a poor attitude to their studies (e.g. through lateness to lessons or lack of class or homework), or who disturb my colleagues' teaching or other students' learning will simply not be invited to such events. With all staff, I shall continue to uphold the school's policies, including the behaviour policy, firmly but fairly.

As my current Year 11 students finish their last GCSE exam this week and look forward to the Summer Ball, I now turn my attention to your child and their needs in preparing them for next year. I am very much looking forward to working with your child as they continue to develop into young adults, giving them the advice and support they need to succeed with examinations, while enjoying the journey along the way.

I am also looking forward to working with you, the parents, who, I trust, will continue to give your child as much time and support as possible next year. Please contact me if you have any concerns for your child entering into Year 11 that I may be able to support you and them with in the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Holland', written in a cursive style.

Toby Holland
Head of Learning for Year 11