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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new **Director of Student Achievement** for **Year 8** at Waverley School.

My role is centred around supporting the achievement and academic progress of all Year 8 students, ensuring that they are given the guidance, encouragement and support they need to fulfil their potential. I will use information about students' learning and performance to identify where additional support, challenge or intervention may be needed. Where barriers to progress arise, I will work alongside teachers, pastoral staff and families to ensure that students receive the appropriate support.

I will be particularly focused on three key areas:

- **Setting up good habits** – ensuring students understand that every lesson matters, routines and being ready to learn gives them the best possible opportunity to succeed.
- **Staying motivated** – Data suggests that nationally Y8 can be a stage where progress dips. I want to encourage our students to keep challenging themselves and support their progress, keeping the momentum going.
- **Self-discovery** – Encourage students to take all the opportunities provided to help them discover more about what they enjoy and who they are as learners.

I believe that true achievement is about more than simply achieving results. It is about developing confidence, resilience, independence, and positive habits that enable young people to make progress, overcome challenges and have pride in themselves.

If you have any questions or concerns relating specifically to your child's **academic progress, achievement, or support with their learning**, please feel free to contact me via DOSA8@waverley.bham.sch.uk

If your query relates to **pastoral support, behaviour, wellbeing, or day-to-day concerns**, please continue to contact your child's Head of Year, Mrs Stone, who will remain your main point of contact for these areas. Email address- HOYMrsStone@waverley.bham.sch.uk

I look forward to working closely with you and your child throughout Year 8.

Yours sincerely,

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