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Dear Parents and Carers,

I delighted to introduce myself as the **Director of Student Achievement for Year 9 at Waverley School**.

My role is centred around supporting the **achievement and academic progress** of all Year 9 students, ensuring that they are given the guidance, encouragement and support they need to fulfil their potential.

Year 9 is a particularly important stage in your child's education. Not only are students continuing to build the knowledge, skills and positive learning habits that will prepare them for their GCSEs, but they will also begin making important decisions about the subjects they wish to study through the **GCSE Options process**.

Alongside this, I will be closely focusing on students' **academic achievement and progress**. 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.

My key priorities for Year 9 will be:

- **Achievement and progress** – ensuring every student is working towards fulfilling their academic potential.
- **GCSE Options** – supporting students to make informed and appropriate choices about the next stage of their education.
- **Positive learning habits** – developing independence, resilience, organisation and consistency in preparation for GCSE study.
- **Support and intervention** – identifying where students may need additional guidance, support or challenge to help them progress.

I believe that Year 9 should be a year in which students begin to take greater ownership of their education and think carefully about where their choices could take them in the future. My aim is to ensure that **every student feels supported, challenged and confident about their next steps**.

If you have any questions or concerns relating specifically to your child's **academic progress, achievement or support with learning**, please feel free to contact me via DOSA9@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 Ms Evans via HOYMsEvans@waverley.bham.sch.uk who will remain your main point of contact for these areas.

I look forward to working closely with you and your child throughout Year 9 and supporting them as they make this important transition towards their GCSE studies.

Yours sincerely,

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