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Dear Parents and Carers,

At this early stage in the autumn term in a very unusual and challenging start to a school year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Head of Year 12. I am very much looking forward to working with the students in the year group as they progress through the sixth form. Post-16 studies are an exciting and important stage in education and I look forward to helping your child access the opportunities available to them.

I would also like to thank the year group for the extremely positive start they have made to the year. As a year group they have faced an unprecedented set of circumstances and uncertainties as well as a significant break in their education. They have settled back into lessons with remarkable ease and should be commended for their positive attitude. Sixth form students are important role models for the whole school and expectations are high. Thus far, I am pleased to see the year group meeting these expectations. We are also very aware that these extraordinary circumstances have impacted on everyone's mental health and wellbeing. The school is committed to supporting students and we have learning mentors and professional counsellors who are able to help. Please contact me if you feel that these would be beneficial.

The effects of the Covid pandemic remain a challenge for staff and students at school and it is important that all students adhere to the measures put in place to keep everyone safe. As I'm sure you are aware, sixth form students are in a separate 'bubble' from the rest of the school and we do ask that they avoid contact with students in other 'bubbles'. There are one way systems in the sixth form centre and science block used by our bubble. We also expect students to wear face coverings when moving around corridors. Additionally we do ask that students, where possible maintain social distancing in the communal areas. I am pleased to say these measures have been working well but students need to remain vigilant and stick to the guidance.

All health and safety measures are constantly reviewed and decisions made are based on the welfare of students. In order to minimise the number of students in the sixth form centre at specific points in the day, the decision has been made to ask students to attend their timetabled lessons only, as of Monday 21st September. If they have a lesson period 1 then they should attend tutor time/PSHE as usual. If they have no timetabled lesson period 1 then they should access the PSHE material for that session through the Google Classroom. This can be found by opening Google Classroom, joining a class and entering the code **ty5pf4b**.

This is an ever-changing situation and I would like to remind students to check their emails at least once a day as this is the primary form of communication. Any changes to routines or guidance as well as opportunities for enrichment activities will be emailed directly to students. We will endeavour to keep the school experience as 'normal' as possible during these uncertain times. We all recognise the important role school plays in the development and wellbeing of young people. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Dan Wynn**, Head of Year 12

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