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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by introducing myself, my name is Miss Rachael Lissaman, I am Head of Year 11 and Raising Standards Leader. Four years ago I joined Northampton School for Girls as Head of Year 7 Elm. In the summer term of last academic year Mr Hibberd left Northampton School for Girls moving to a school closer to his family; it was at this point I took on the role for the whole year group. Over the next year I will be the point of contact should you or your child have any questions, concerns or queries. Equally students can find me in the Pink Room at most break and lunch times should they wish to speak to me. It has been wonderful to welcome Year 11 back into school and I am very much looking forward to getting to know and supporting all Year 11 students over the coming months.

I would also like to take the time to congratulate Year 11 in the way they started this academic year. The students have conducted themselves with respect and have adapted well to the new routines, one way systems and health and safety measures. As you are aware, face coverings are required to be worn in all indoor communal areas, such as corridors, to ensure the safety of all staff and students. Should there be a specific concern or reason a face covering cannot be worn, please do not hesitate to contact me. Furthermore, to safely identify year group "bubbles" students are required to wear their coloured lanyard at all times; for Year 11 this is blue. So far I have been extremely impressed with students remembering these additional items. However, please can I ask you to remind your child to maintain social distancing, including to and from school, at break and lunchtime and within their year group "bubbles".

Starting Year 11 in September can be a difficult transition and we are keen to put measures in place to ensure students are well supported throughout the school year. To ensure the physical, emotional and mental well-being of students they are engaging in a wide range of well-being activities, discussions and resources to best support their needs during this uncertain time. I appreciate Year 11 students may be feeling uncertain, worried and anxious about their upcoming mock exams, changes to their GCSE course content and summer exams. Please be reassured as soon as we have information to share with you and your child we will do so as a priority and support them in achieving their full potential. In the meantime we will continue to make mental health, well-being and revision support a priority. If you are concerned about your child's well-being please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our expectations in relation to attendance, time keeping and uniform remain high, however, if during these difficult times there is an issue relating to uniform please do not hesitate to contact me. There is a full uniform list and timings of the school day in student planners and on the school website. We do also ask if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 they remain at home and seek to be tested as soon as possible. On a similar note if students need to attend a medical appointment during the school day, we would appreciate it if parents/carers could email in advance and student services will issue your child with a pink permission pass to leave school. At Northampton School for Girls we have a range of period products that we can give you, free of charge. If you are requiring items, please email me.

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I would like to clarify how work and lessons will be delivered should your child be unable to attend school. In the case of self isolations students should email their class teachers for work to be sent home, I am also able to request this should you require it. Students may also have work shared and set assignments via Google Classroom. Students are asked to familiarise themselves with these platforms and ensure they know their password and log in details. Year 11 tutors will also be spending time with their tutees to ensure they are aware of how to use Google Classroom.

I would like to reiterate how lovely it has been to see Year 11 students back in school and how impressed I am with their determination to start Year 11 positively.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rachael Lissaman  
Raising Standards Leader – Year 11

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