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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of my appointment to Raising Standards Lead for Year 11. This is an exciting new senior role that has been put in place to ensure your child has the very best chance of success here at Laurel Park School, both in their academic progress and their personal development. I expect your child to uphold our core values of IDEA and uphold the very highest of standards in all that they do and in every aspect of school life. We would expect to see excellence in lessons through hard work, focus and effort as well as demonstrating integrity and exemplary personal conduct both in and out of school. I am excited to have this opportunity to help the school and your child on their collective endeavour to succeed.

In order that your child comes to school 100% ready to learn, please can I kindly ask that you review the following with them over the summer break:

1. Review the [Home School Agreement](#) and what is expected of the school, parent and student.
2. Review the Parent Handbook to ensure you are clear on what is expected of your child each day when attending school to avoid receiving sanctions and making sure they are prepared to come to school every day and work hard.

As a parent/carer, you play a crucial role in supporting your child to be as successful as possible whilst at Laurel Park School. Therefore, understanding the school's expectations and procedures is essential, if you are to support your child in making excellent progress. I have met lots of you before and value the support you have shown both me and the school in supporting your child in this crucial year.

Some general reminders of our LPS non-negotiable standards and expectations are:

- *Arriving to school on time everyday*
- *Having 100% attendance and punctuality*
- *Arriving to school focused, organised and ready to learn*
- *Be in full school uniform - no jewellery, nails, eyelashes, hoodies or alterations to LPS uniform*
- *Having an LPS branded bag with full equipment, lanyard and books*
- *Make clear to your child they should follow staff instructions, 'first time every time'*
- *That all electronic devices are stored at the bottom on a school or kept at home before coming onto the school premises*

Failing to meet the above standards will result in your child receiving a sanction and items confiscated, which will not be returned until the end of term, in line with our school policy. We encourage you to make sure your child is clear on what the expectations are before their return in September to ensure it is a smooth transition into their new year group. Getting these things right will ensure a successful year for your child here at Laurel Park School.

I would like to thank Mr Polycarpou for all the support he has shown the year group so far and I will be working with him to ensure a smooth transition for me in this new role.

In September I will be inviting you into school to go over some key points for you in supporting your child this year:

- Post 16 applications, information and support
- Mock exam dates
- Preparing your child for exams
- Trips and Prom
- Any other questions that you may have

I am looking forward to the journey we can take together and for your child to achieve excellent results in their GCSE exams in 2025.

Yours sincerely



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