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## **Dear Families**

Some of you may be aware that Ms Pollard has unfortunately been unwell. During her absence, it is important that we maintain the good work that she has done with the year group, therefore an interim Head of Year 9 has been appointed to support your child at this important time in their school career.

I have been appointed as the interim Head of Year 9. As an experienced teacher I have been in various leadership roles including Head of Year previously. I will work hard to ensure your child has a successful and confident end to Year 9.

My initial priorities will be to:

- ensure a smooth transition between Key Stage 3 Key Stage 4;
- target outstanding behaviours. Recognise and reward students who are consistently 'doing the right thing';
- support students that are not achieving their best (with priority given to uniform, attendance and demonstrating a positive attitude);
- meet with pupils who require additional intervention/ support to create personalised plans; and
- meet with form tutors and pastoral staff to discuss and review any concerns/ overdue actions required.

I know that you will continue to support us as a school to work towards the best outcomes and standards possible for your child.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future. Please feel free to email me if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Natalie Fenton Acting Head of Year 9

