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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 8 at Bury Grammar School Boys. I am delighted to have been appointed to this role and very much look forward to supporting each and every boy as he aims to achieve his full potential with us.

As a Head of Year it is my role to support, encourage and monitor your son to ensure progress is made. I expect all boys to maintain high standards of behaviour, enthusiasm for their learning, appearance, and commitment to extra-curricular activities as they move forward with new and exciting challenges. I will foster a positive atmosphere with my year group where all pupils feel valued and understand our joint responsibility for developing their academic, emotional and social skills; so they can go on to be successful young men.

As I am sure you are aware, Year 8 marks the beginning of your child's GCSE journey with the important decision of GCSE choices to be made this year. With this in mind, it is crucial that our students start the year by showing excellent attitudes to learning and ensuring that they involve themselves within the school community through an array of extra-curricular activities. Whilst the GCSE examinations can seem a very long way off, it is crucial that your child makes the most of every opportunity in lessons to develop their understanding and accelerate their progression. The knowledge and skills that they acquire at this stage set the foundations for success in Year 11. To help achieve this we expect the boys spend approximately 90 mins per night on homework and we ask for your full support in encouraging your son to use his time productively. This time allocation should only be regarded as a guideline; the quality and relevance of the homework is equally important as the quantity.

I am aware of how difficult it can be at times and I want you to know that we are here to help and ensure your child achieves and excels. As a parent/carers you play a crucial and important role in the education of your son and your encouragement and involvement can help him succeed. Your thoughts and views on how we can all work together in a meaningful way are always welcome. I would ask that you check and sign your son's planner and use this as way of communicating between the school and home. If you would like to discuss any school matter, often the most appropriate person will be your son's Form Tutor. Their contact details are below.

8B – Mr Entwistle ([rentwistle@burygrammar.com](mailto:rentwistle@burygrammar.com))

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To end, I hope your son has an enjoyable year as we embark on a new journey together and I hope to see you all soon at the Year 8 Parents evening.

Mr G Hall  
Head of Year 8