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Dear Families

I am writing to you to introduce myself as your child's new Head of Year.

I recognise that there have been various staff changes throughout your child's time at Stowmarket High School and I know that such a change can be difficult for our young people, especially when they have built positive relationships with key members of staff, but it is my honour to be able to be here for the last part of their school journey and to build on the successes of the previous Head of Years.

I have joined Stowmarket High School following ten years working in education and prior to that, working for Victim Support and with young offenders. Having previously been a Head of Year, I know how important the job is for the students in my care and also how vital it is to be the main contact point for you, the parent. You and I both want the very best for your child, and it is imperative that we work together to support them through the next 6 months and enable them to fulfil their potential.

I will expect students to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality, as well as high standards of behaviour and respect for those in our school community. I am dedicated to supporting their wellbeing, helping them to build resilience and I will endeavour to be there to listen, motivate and encourage them to be the best versions of themselves as they complete their final year with us.

I have already had the pleasure of speaking to a number of you and look forward to meeting and working with more of you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Rachel Harrigan

Miss Rachel Harrigan
Head of Year 11