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A Warm Welcome from the New Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted and extremely proud to be starting as the new Headteacher of Stafford Manor High School from September 2022, and I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself during the summer holidays and send you some reminders to allow you and your child to prepare for the new academic year in plenty of time.

Firstly, I hope you and your family have been able to spend some quality time together during the summer holidays. I also hope that you have managed to both enjoy and stay safe during the warm weather conditions.

My family and I have really enjoyed the summer break. The Commonwealth Games and Lionesses success have been two of many highlights for me. The amazing displays of sporting excellence have served as a huge source of inspiration to thousands of people worldwide. They are a real testimony to what hard work, dedication and coping with setbacks allows people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to achieve, when they believe in themselves and have the right levels of support. These are key ingredients within education in my experience too.

As I begin to think about us starting to work together in September, I feel extremely excited, privileged and optimistic about taking up the role of Headteacher at Stafford Manor High School and building on the excellent work done by Mr Lycett and all members of staff here at the school, in recent years, including the Governing Body.

About me, my background before becoming Headteacher

I am a passionate and dedicated teacher with 20 years of teaching experience, having spent 14 of those years as an Assistant Headteacher and then more recently as a Deputy Head in two different schools, spanning nearly nine years. I have worked in six different schools in a range of counties including Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire.

I have always wanted to be a teacher from an early age. I loved school as a child and it was the excellent teachers and school leaders at my local secondary school that enabled me to become more than I thought was possible. They believed in me, championed me, steered me onto the right pathway and went out of their way to make sure I did well. I can assure you that if it were not for those excellent teachers in my life, I would not be writing to you today as your child's next Headteacher. I wanted to become a teacher and a school leader so that I could

also provide young people with the same excellent opportunities and guidance that I received as a student.

My mission and my values

This is why I have taken up the role of Headteacher at Stafford Manor High School. To make sure that your child gets an excellent education. An education that enables them to be happy, responsible, respectful, confident and resilient. To help them to achieve well and develop the knowledge, social and cultural capital they need to live well, live purposefully and to contribute positively to society, through whichever path they choose to take when they leave school.

I pride myself on being a Headteacher who:

- Puts students first and bases decisions on what is in the best interests of the young people we serve.
- Is approachable. Students will see me on the corridors, in lessons taking an interest in them as an individual.
- Is passionate about ensuring that students, staff and parents have a school to be proud of and part of.
- Believes 'it can be done' and will work tirelessly to make sure children have the best opportunities.
- Keeps the main thing about: Great teaching and learning, in every lesson, for every child.

Being in School on time and being here all of the time is key to your child's success

To maximise the impact that teachers and school leaders can have on your child's learning and achievements at Stafford Manor High School, **we expect your child to attend school on time and to be here all of the time.** Unsurprisingly, research suggests that students who regularly attend school are more likely to make the progress they should and to learn, and achieve in line with their academic ability.

In addition, children who attend school regularly are also able to access the support and guidance they need to make future choices that are right for them. Attending school regularly also enables us as a school to build positive, respectful and productive relationships with your child and to put any additional support they may need in place. In addition, we can make their time at school more memorable, more positive and more rewarding.

Arriving in September

The new term begins for your child on Wednesday 7 September at the following times:

- **Year 7: 8.45am – 11am** 'Welcome Assembly and tutor time' (school gates will open as normal at 8.30am)
- **Year 8 – Year 11: 10am – 11am** Tutor time. (school gates will open as normal at 9.45am)
- **All students: 11am – 11.20am Break.**
- **From 11.20am onwards,** normal timetabled lessons will begin

Year 7 Transition

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents of Year 7 students that your child's form tutor and other senior staff will welcome them on the morning of Wednesday 7 September and show them where to go. Students will get another tour of the school and will have an extended lunchtime during September, to support them during their transition into Year 7. There will also be a welcome assembly for children in Year 7, to introduce them to key members of staff including the Senior Leadership Team on the morning of Wednesday 7 September.

Assemblies and Key Messages for Year 8 – 11

All other year groups will also have assemblies on Wednesday 7 September (first day back), to ensure they have clear messages about our expectations, routines, rewards and consequence systems; including other systems that students need to be aware of in school.

School Uniform

You will have recently received a letter from Mr Manfredi, our Behaviour Manager, to outline the school's expectations for students' uniform. Please can I encourage you to read this letter in full, which you can find [here](#).

Our expectations of all students is that they wear their school uniform correctly and with pride each and every day and I look forward to seeing your child dressed correctly from September. If you require any support with aspects of your child's uniform, then please do let us know and we will do our utmost to support you with this.

Looking forward to September

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and in advance of your support with ensuring that your child attends school on time and all of the time from September. I will make contact with you again during September and regularly in the autumn term to share the progress that we are making as a school and to outline some opportunities for you to provide us with feedback as a school, as part of continuing parental partnership work.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Yours sincerely,

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