



Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to use this as an opportunity to introduce myself and also thank you for the positive start that has been made to the academic year.

My name is Nadine Simmons, as Director of Key Stage 4 my role is to oversee progress for all students in Years 10 and 11. I will be working closely with the Heads of Year, Miss Hey and Miss Carter to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. In order to achieve this I believe that it is vitally important to work with you as parents / carers to improve the lines of communication between home and school.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the way in which your child has returned to school. The vast majority of students are arriving on time and 'Ready' for school in the correct uniform, with an appropriate sized school bag, passport and equipment. Can I please remind you as parents / carers to look in your child's passport and sign it every week to get an update of how well they are achieving. There is also a space in the passport for you to use if you would like a call home from your child's Form Tutor or need to communicate any issues or information.

In September we introduced a new assessment system called 'Creating Futures' which tracks student progress throughout their time at Newsome High School. Following the introduction of this your child has recently received a 'pathway' for each of their subjects. It is my job to monitor your child's progress and make sure they are fulfilling their potential in all of their subjects as well as monitoring their attitude to learning. I will be working closely with your child's teachers to ensure that progress is being made and that interventions take place if necessary.

It is great to see so many enthusiastic students settling into the Autumn term, ready and willing to learn. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you at parents' evenings and other school events. However, if you have any concerns, queries or would just like to introduce yourself; please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to working with you and your child as the year progresses.

Yours faithfully

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