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Dear Parents and Carers,

As my first week as Headteacher of Longbenton High School comes to an end, I would like to thank you sincerely for the warm welcome everyone has given me. It has been a wonderful start, and I already feel very proud to be part of the school community.

It has been a real pleasure meeting so many of our pupils this week. They have settled into their classes with enthusiasm, positivity, and excellent manners. As I have walked around the school, I have seen lots of focused learners, confident conversations, and plenty of smiling faces.

The pupils have already been demonstrating the values that make Longbenton High School such a special place. Kindness, Integrity, Determination, Manners, Ambition, and Positivity have been clearly evident in the way they have supported one another, made positive choices, and re-engaged with their learning while adapting to new teachers and timetables.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for working so hard to ensure such a calm, welcoming, and successful start to term. Their care and commitment to our young people are clear in everything they do.

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support in helping pupils arrive in smart uniforms, on time, and ready to learn. Your partnership with the school makes a real difference and gives our children the strongest possible foundation for success.

We have an exciting year ahead, filled with inspiring learning, enrichment opportunities, and many moments to celebrate together. My ambition is to continue to build a community where every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to achieve their full potential.

Our KIDMAP values will continue to guide all that we do, helping our students grow both academically and personally into confident, compassionate, and successful young people.

I look forward to meeting many more of you at upcoming school events and parents' evenings. I hope these opportunities will allow us to get to know one another and strengthen the positive partnership between home and school.

Thank you once again for such a positive start to the year. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Watson
Headteacher