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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity, in this my first letter to you all, to thank those of you I have already met for your very warm welcome. You will know by now that I have been able to relinquish my post at Bishop Challoner and have finally taken up the reins at Wyvern College. My sincerest thanks to Mr Jefferies for his excellent work as interim Head and to the senior staff, our dedicated teachers and support team for all they do. The level of commitment and care for our boys is impressive. This, alongside the community feel, struck a chord with me when I first visited - Wyvern is a special place, and I believe passionately that it has immense potential.

In the first few days, I have been an active and visible presence in and around the school. We have made a purposeful start to the new term after the Christmas break. As I get to know the boys, look at their work and see how they conduct themselves, it is very clear to me that with a relentless pursuit of excellence in all that we all do, those things that we dare to dream about can become reality. Clearly, it will not come without self-discipline, determination and a preparedness to go the extra mile. Competition is fierce in the world in which we live so it is essential that we maintain consistently high standards. The home-school relationship is at the heart of this success. To that end, please help us to help you. Put simply, 'if we know about it, we can deal with it'. Of course, we have to help the boys to take ownership of their own appearance, organisation, punctuality, and attitude to learning. On those occasions when things may not go as expected, our intervention and support will be timely. I know I can count on your support in helping us to achieve these goals.

May I also ask that you support my colleagues in helping the boys to complete their homework on time and to an acceptable standard? We have 'Show My Homework' to help you both to see what was set and when it was due; there may well be links to resources available there, too, that can be used. If you are unsure about your login, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We can provide you with your login details again, if necessary. Alternatively if you access the parent portal via the website you can email the Show My Homework team. (Team Satchel as they are now called)

As the community grows and I grow with it, you will hear me talking about the boys' life chances and how we are 'walking with them', directing them towards whatever their preferred future might be. My vision for the school is simple. If we do the ordinary things in life, extraordinarily well, we will be doing things 'The Wyvern Way' and we can look forwards together with optimism to a bright and successful future.

I am well aware that there is much for us to do but it is my pleasure and privilege to be joining and leading the team as Headteacher at Wyvern College. You will see that I will be communicating often



with you in the normal ways via newsletters, twitter and, soon, Facebook. I am also in the throes of setting up an opportunity to 'meet the new Head', as well as Head's surgeries (a monthly coffee morning). I am keen to celebrate the successes of former students. Perhaps you have a son whose story can inspire our current students. If so, please let us know so that we can make contact and build up a portfolio of former students' stories and testimonies.

Please keep our Year 11 boys in your thoughts and prayers as they embark upon the final stages of their GCSE courses. With effective use of time, consistent application and commitment, they will achieve their personal best. We are about to launch a range of revision programmes, mentoring and bespoke sessions to help them to remain on track to secure excellent outcomes this summer.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Bazen', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Bazen
Headteacher