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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Letter from New Headteacher

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since my appointment as Headteacher at Holly Lodge High School College of Science. It is an enormous privilege to have the opportunity to take up this position; as a lifelong Sandwell resident, joining the team at Holly Lodge feels like a homecoming and a chance to really contribute to the local community that I value so deeply.

As the first person in my family history to go to university, education literally transformed my life. As I have gone through my educational and subsequent professional career, there are some values that I hold dear, and these are ones I believe align with those of the Holly Lodge students, staff, parents and community. Firstly, I believe in ambition in terms of every aspect of our work: we teach the best that has been thought and said to our students and we place no limitations on what we expect from our students or what they can achieve. Secondly, I believe in opportunity: I want to work with the staff at Holly Lodge to ensure that our students have a wealth of opportunities enabling them to be well rounded citizens that can take their 'seat at the table' in any forum of their choosing. Finally, I believe in community: Holly Lodge is and should be a school at the heart of its community, serving local families and working in partnership with them in everything we do. This is the start of a new era for Holly Lodge; it is the beginning of the next chapter of the school's journey. I am determined that there will be no limits on the possibilities for everyone associated with the school.

The school is in a strong position and there is a rich history and a solid foundation upon which to build. It is a great basis for the future aspirations I have for it, however, in a competitive and rapidly changing world, we must never underestimate the challenge that lies ahead as we approach this new era. There is much to be done if we are going to continue to be successful and this will require a whole team effort. I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet with many of you over the coming weeks and months, and I look forward to hearing your views about the school and listening to the areas you are happy with and the aspects that you would like us to improve. I will be arranging parent forum meetings both remotely and in school when we are able to. These will be over the next few weeks in order to hear your views and I will forward further details as soon as they are available.



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A successful school is built upon positive relationships, shared vision and values and a recognition that we are one team -- one person's success is shared by everyone within the school community. I look forward to sharing in your child's or children's successes over the coming years. The start of a new term is a perfect time to reiterate our focus on high standards and I request your continued support in upholding the highest possible expectations for all. This includes punctuality to school, strictly adhering to our school uniform policy and to our Covid-19 safety measures that are in place to protect us all. I know that the vast majority of our students do take pride in ensuring that they have consistently high expectations of themselves and this is very much recognised and appreciated. I look forward to seeing a continued positive approach from everyone as we move forward together.

Thank you again for the positive welcome I have received. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Yours faithfully,



Imran Iqbal
Headteacher