

Our Ref LMH/JC  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has been at Hanson School for a week now and 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 Laura Holden and as Director of Key Stage 4, my job is to oversee Years 9, 10 and 11 in terms of progress, behaviour and attendance. I will be working closely with Heads of Year 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 students have returned to school. The vast majority of students have come to school in the correct uniform, with an appropriate sized school bag and look very smart indeed. Students have also enthusiastically embraced the new positive discipline system and I have seen many examples of planner pages already being filled with reward stamps. Can I please remind you as parents/carers to look in your child's planner and sign it every week to get an update of how well they are achieving. There is also a space in the planner for you to use if you would like a call home from your child's Form Tutor.

Over the coming weeks your child will also be receiving target grades for each of their subjects. It will be my job to monitor your child's progress and make sure they are fulfilling their potential in all of their subjects. I will be working closely with your child's teachers to ensure that progress is being made and that interventions take place if necessary. Your child's planner will also have their list of target grades on when they become available. By regularly looking in your child's planner you will get an overall picture of how they are progressing at Hanson School.

It is great to see so many enthusiastic students returning from their summer break ready and willing to learn. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you at parent's evenings and other school events. However, if you have any concerns, queries or would just like to introduce yourself before then, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Yours faithfully



Laura Holden  
Director of Key Stage 4