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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we embark on another academic year at Arden Academy, I am thrilled to take this opportunity to highlight the exceptional standards of pastoral care that we strive to provide for your children.

At Arden Academy, we understand the crucial role that a nurturing, supportive but challenging environment plays in the overall development of your child. We are committed to fostering a school culture that not only prioritises academic excellence but also places a significant emphasis on the well-being and happiness of each student. It is important we provide a consistent and structured environment where all students understand the expectations of them.

Our dedicated pastoral care team works tirelessly to create a safe and inclusive atmosphere where every student feels valued and supported. We believe that a positive and structured environment is essential for students to thrive both academically and personally.

I think it is important that you know who key pastoral staff are. Our pastoral staff play a pivotal role in ensuring the welfare and success of your children:



Mr N Burke
Deputy
Headteacher
Student
Development,
Care, and
Standards



Mr D Last
Director of Pastoral Care
Key Stage 3



Mrs K Berry
Director of Pastoral Care
Key Stage 4



Heads of Year



Ms L O'Brien
Head of Year 7



Mr M Riches
Head of Year 8



Mr J Ambris
Head of Year 9



Mrs J Cooper
Head of Year 10



Mr B Smith
Head of Year 11

Sixth Form



Mr D White
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form



Mr M Lloyd
Head of Year 12



Miss J Long
Head of Year 13



Mrs R Kirby
Pastoral Support Sixth Form

Student Support Team



Mr M Hook
Intervention teacher



Mrs C Battle
Intervention teacher



Mrs L Munn-Smith
Pastoral Support



Mr P King
Pastoral Support



Mr J Waller
Pastoral Support

Mrs S Bains
Education Welfare Officer

Mrs A Venables
Education Welfare Officer

These individuals are passionate about creating a positive school experience for your child and are available to address any concerns or queries you may have. They work closely with our teaching staff to provide a holistic approach to education that focuses on both academic achievement and personal growth.

Our commitment to high standards of pastoral care extends beyond the classroom, encompassing a range of support services and initiatives designed to meet the diverse needs of our students. We encourage open communication between parents, carers, and the school, and we value your partnership in creating a positive and enriching educational experience for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to a member of our pastoral care team should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working collaboratively to ensure the best outcomes for your child and to witness their growth and success throughout their time at Arden Academy. We will not apologise for having the highest of expectations for your child in respect of attendance, behaviour and attitude to their learning.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are excited about the continuing possibilities that this academic year holds and look forward to a year of achievement and shared success.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Burke'.

Mr N Burke
Deputy Headteacher