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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back! I would like to start off by saying how proud I am of the pupils on their return to Lymm High School. They have grown, not only physically, but also in maturity over the summer and I have already witnessed a large number of pupils helping some of the new Year 7 students, being positive role models for our younger pupils.

At the start of such an important academic year I thought it would be helpful to outline the year ahead and provide some information on how the school and I will support your child through the first year of their GCSE courses.

The journey through Year 10 can be challenging; an increase in independent learning, exam structure, deadlines and new subjects that have not been covered in Key Stage 3. It can be a stressful and challenging year, but rest assured, as a pastoral team, we are vastly experienced in supporting young people through this journey.

It is crucial that pupils start investing greater time outside of the school day into their studies. With a number of courses now being assessed at the end of Year 11 rather than a modular approach it is important that the pupils adopt a good revision routine as soon as possible. This will enable them to become more confident in their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are studying. To support this, pupils will be using form time each morning to support their revision in specific subjects. This initiative is aimed at maximising the opportunities pupils have to study and gain support from their teachers and peers. We will also be delivering sessions in form periods which will focus on revision tips and techniques to help pupils to identify which method best suits their learning.

Pupils will complete a number of assessments when we return after the Easter holidays, week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It is really important as parents that you are aware when these will take place so you can support your child in their preparation. Pupils will be given this information closer to the time and you will also be able to access this information via the school website.

As Head of Year, I am excited about the year ahead and am confident pupils have the correct environment in order to thrive and achieve their full potential. It is, however, vital that we don't under estimate the hard work needed to be successful and that all parties work collectively to support our pupils along the way.

At Lymm High School, we strive for every student to have attendance above 97%. Attendance below 90% is categorised as persistently absent and severely harms your

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child's chances of success. Please can I take this opportunity to stress the importance of good attendance and to remind you that where possible medical and dental appointments should be made for outside of school hours and that students should be encouraged to come into school unless they are seriously unwell.

I will be hosting an Information and Guidance evening for Year 10 parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. This will provide vital information on how best to support your child in Year 10. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further advice or information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Worrall". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the closing "Yours faithfully".

Mrs C. Worrall  
Head of Year 10