



HILLCREST SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to write to you as the new Headteacher of Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre. It is a real privilege, and I am excited to begin working with you to ensure every child is given the very best opportunities to succeed. We have now finished our first full week in school and I am extremely pleased with the strong and positive start to the year from our students.

We have simple but powerful values that underpin what we aim to achieve at the school, and shape everything we do together:

- **Work Hard** - We believe that effort and perseverance are the foundation of success, both in the classroom and beyond.
- **Be Kind** - We expect every member of our community to treat one another with respect, compassion and understanding.
- **Aim High** - We encourage ambition in all its forms, supporting our students to challenge themselves and achieve excellence.

These values capture the essence of the culture we aim to strengthen further at the school - one where pupils are supported to achieve highly, have exemplary behaviour, and grow into confident, kind and ambitious young people.

I also want to emphasise the importance of partnership between home and school. You will receive a copy of our 'Partnership Agreement' next week for your reference, along with some additional information. Working together, we can provide the encouragement, consistency and high expectations that our students need to thrive.

I am grateful for the warm welcome I have already received from parents and carers, many of whom know me well, having worked at the school since 2008. I look forward to meeting many more of you at upcoming school events. Together, I am confident we can make Hillcrest School a place where every child truly flourishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr S B Abbotts
Headteacher

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