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Principal: Mr G. Jones

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Dear Students and Families,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write this letter to you as the newly appointed Principal of Ormiston Meridian Academy from September 2019. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead our academy and serve the children and families of our community.

As the current Vice Principal, I have been extremely privileged to work alongside a passionate, dedicated and hard-working team of staff and Governors who have been relentless in their commitment to securing a high quality education for all our students. Furthermore, I have gained valuable experience from Mr Gareth Jones who has been an inspiring and supportive leader. Together, with the support of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), we have ensured that our academy has improved significantly over recent years and we are more committed than ever to continuing this journey and becoming an excellent academy in the heart of our community.

As a mother myself, I fully understand that you expect nothing less than the **very best** for your child. I believe that education is one the greatest gifts a child can receive and I am extremely passionate about ensuring that your child achieves excellence; academically, practically and socially. I believe that all children should experience an outstanding, enjoyable and well-rounded education that prepares them well for an ever-changing and demanding world and enables them to enjoy successful, happy and fulfilled lives as adults. Therefore, we will continue to improve outcomes across all subjects, specifically in mathematics and science. In addition, we will maintain our relentless focus on the development of teaching and learning and insist on extremely high standards of behaviour and self-discipline.

I have a deep awareness of our academy's strengths and areas for development and, therefore, I am very clear on the steps that need to be taken to further improve our academy and ensure we achieve a 'Good' rating from Ofsted. To that end, I am extremely pleased to announce that the Governors and I have already made two key appointments to further strengthen our effective senior leadership team.

Firstly, we have appointed Mr Sam Darlington to the role of Vice Principal. Mr Darlington joins us from a Wolverhampton school where he currently holds the role of Vice Principal and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. During his career, Mr Darlington has demonstrated significant impact in the following areas: Successfully led a number of mathematics teams and secured outcomes well above national figures; supported 22 Academies nationally to raise attainment, specifically in mathematics; over 7 years senior team experience. Mr Darlington is Stoke-on-Trent born and bred and is extremely passionate about ensuring that all young people in our local area experience an outstanding education.

Ormiston Meridian Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteer s to share this commitment.



Secondly, we have recruited Mrs Lisa Doyle to the role of Assistant Principal with the sole focus of continuing to raise achievement. Mrs Doyle comes to us from a Warrington school where she has been responsible for the strategic leadership of mathematics, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and Business and Enterprise. Mrs Doyle's impact in this area has been hugely positive. I am thrilled to have made these appointments.

I believe passionately about developing a strong, positive and open dialogue with parents and families because your views are incredibly important to us all and will help us to inform our decision making. It is vital that we work together to ensure that your child has the success they deserve and therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us and discuss your viewpoints, expectations and concerns with us should they arise.

I look forward to sharing our new academy development plans with you in the near future and working closely with you as we continue our journey to becoming an excellent academy in the heart of our community.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Stanyer', with a flourish at the end.

Mrs Claire Stanyer
Principal from September 2019