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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Vice Principal for Making Excellence a Habit at The Portsmouth Academy (TPA).

I grew up in the Portsmouth area and I have seen how TPA has evolved and developed over the years. I have witnessed the support the Academy offers children in the local community by improving their life chances; providing excellent qualifications, aspirations and life skills to help them become successful in both higher education and the work place.

I have significant experience in senior leadership in schools, having previously worked as Assistant Principal at a successful and thriving Academy in Havant. My role involved supporting pupils in behaviour and welfare which gave great enjoyment, along with many challenges whilst developing the young people of Havant. I am now very excited to be working with an outstanding leadership team at The Portsmouth Academy and to lead a fantastic pastoral team, who share my ambitions for your child's success in making personal excellence a habit throughout their time here and beyond.

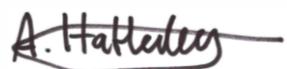
I have very high expectations, and I do not apologise for these high standards. Over the coming weeks and beyond there will be a strong focus on uniform and attendance to make sure the pupils are ready to learn and achieve at the Academy. The outside world is now very competitive in education, apprenticeships and the work place. I want to make sure that your child is fully equipped with the right skills and attributes to become successful and happy in their journey.

It is vital that children see their parents and the school working in partnership to support them to make academic, social and emotional progress. I encourage you to play an active part in school life and also keep lines of communication open. You would have seen your child's Truly Great Learning Companion, with a weekly space for notes from home. This is an effective form of communication where you can let tutors know anything relevant that may impact your child's learning. Tutors should always be the first point of contact for any initial concerns regarding your child; they will then be able to ensure the relevant staff are made aware.

I am of course happy to meet with you to discuss your child's development at TPA and will be aiming to ensure communication between parents and the school is strong. If you have not done so already, I urge you to download the MyEd app onto your mobile devices as this will keep you up-to-date with information about your child.

I am thrilled to be joining The Portsmouth Academy and look forward to working with you as the school embarks on its next exciting phase of growth.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Andrew Hatherley
Vice Principal – Making Excellence a Habit