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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you as the Assistant Headteacher for Post 16, new in post from January 2022. I have now introduced myself to the students, and felt it only right to write to you too.

I have worked at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus for 12 years and I have taught a range of Humanities subjects during this time; including Psychology, Health and Social Care, Sociology, Life Skills, Citizenship and RE. My previous post on campus was as Faculty Leader for Humanities; I have experience of leading a large team, and I am ready to take on this new role, making BGLC's Post 16 Centre the number one choice for parents and students in the area.

I have vast leadership experience, and keep high quality teaching and learning at the heart of my practice. I am relentless in my approach to helping students achieve their very best, I never accept failure, and I am determined to help students make the progress they deserve. I am an excellent communicator and I'm sure this will be the first of many letters I share with you.

My vision for the Post 16 Centre is to be judged Outstanding, not just by Ofsted, but by yourself and your child. I want you to feel proud that your child attends school here at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus. The school motto is *Work Hard, Be Kind* and I can confidently say that I embody this motto in my attitude to work. I want to embed a culture of praise for our students, where students feel rewarded for their efforts and hard work. I expect that students will make excellent progress from their GCSE studies, and where teachers are experts in their field, and can effectively support your child to reach their target grade and beyond. I will embed systems to improve not just your child's education, but that of future cohorts as well.

To give you reassurance, many of the current systems will remain, as well as the excellent Post 16 team led by Michelle Cheadle. Students will continue to have a dress code on campus, as previously shared with you in Summer Term 2021, and students continue to follow the BGLC Learner Agreement which outlines the expectations we have on attendance, behaviour and attitudes to learning. Our enrichment programme is growing, with a new leader, Gwen Goodger, now in post and ready to focus on creating rounded young people prepared for the world of work or further education.

I am not the finished article, I am ever-changing and evolving, keeping the students' best interests at heart. I welcome feedback, and if you would like to get in touch please do email me on <u>vvarney@brookvalegroby.com</u> In a month's time I will write to you again, to give you an update on the progress we are making as a Post 16 team, and share any news that we might have.

Yours sincerely

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