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Dear Sixth Form Parents and Carers,

I write to introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal in charge of Lord Nelson Sixth Form, based at Ormiston Victory. I know that I may have taught History GCSE to some of your children – and some will be in my A Level classes. I currently lead on Teaching, Learning and Training at Ormiston Victory, but from September I am fortunate to be moving across to oversee Sixth Form too. For those of you who have joined us from other schools, I have been at Victory for 11 years – my subject is History, and I am also a keen sportsman (huge cricket fan) and I am lucky to have a wonderful young family.

I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you that I am very excited about the future of our Sixth Form and I am excited to work with the many wonderful students we have here. I am also keen to ensure that there are strong lines of communication between the school and the parents and carers of the students we support.

To that end, at the end of this letter you will find my contact details, and please do not hesitate to contact me whenever needed. You will also find some key dates of opportunities in September for us to meet in person, which I very much look forward to.

I spoke to our current Year 12s this week to share with them my vision for Sixth Form and discuss some of the changes that will be taking place next year. Next year the three key areas of focus will be:

- **Excellent Attendance**
- **Excellent Achievement**
- **Varied and Personalised Enrichment**

As part of my conversation with students, I have made clear that I have some key shared principles that will permeate through everything we do in Sixth Form. My expectation is that our students are the embodiment of these. These key principles are:

- 1) **Ambition** – I expect us as a Sixth Form to be ambitious in everything we do. We should all have the ambition to ‘do better’
- 2) **High expectations of ourselves and others** – I have the highest expectations of our students and they should have the highest expectations of what we can offer them as an institution.
- 3) **Community** – This should be at the heart of everything we do. We should act to support and enrich our school community and the wider community the school serves
- 4) **Taking Ownership** – We take ownership of everything we do. Every student needs to take ownership of their future and ensure they are doing everything they can to be successful

In the first place, attendance will be key at the start of next year. Students are expected to attend all lessons and timetabled sessions including form time and assemblies. Attendance is vital to achievement in Sixth Form. As such, we are in the process of putting together a new attendance policy. We will share this with you and all students in September. I am aware of the concerns that many students have around being in for form time and then not

having lessons until much later in the day – we are working hard to ensure this is not the case for September. **Form time is crucial as it provides the much-needed pastoral support and communication system for our students.**

As a Sixth Form, our commitment to you is that we will work tirelessly to support every student to make the best progress possible and to help them realise their potential. We are currently reviewing the processes we have in place to ensure all students make the best possible progress, and much like our attendance policy, I look forward to sharing this with you in September. Most importantly, we are fortunate to have a wonderful, dedicated and talented teaching staff at Victory, and like me, they are absolutely committed to doing everything in their power to help our students be successful.

Every student in the Sixth Form will be expected to engage in the range of enrichment activities on offer next year. We will be sharing these in September and as the year goes on. As part of this enrichment our students will take part in 'Social Action'. This will be activities aimed at supporting our school community. These will be enriching activities that should serve to not only benefit the wider school community but provide an excellent opportunity for our Sixth Form students to develop new skills. We have talked to them at length about the value of this in assembly.

The thing that will be vitally important to the success of your child, and more generally the Sixth Form going forward, is communication. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us, whether that be before we get started in September or as we go on throughout the year. My aim is to create more opportunities to communicate directly with the families we serve as a Sixth Form. With that in mind there are some dates below when we would be delighted to welcome you into school in September.

### **Key Dates in September:**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - Sixth Form return to OVA full time. A plan will be shared with all students; however, the days will focus on planning ahead and some important workshops to support their learning and future development

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – First full day of lessons for all Sixth Form students

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Parents' Forum – An opportunity for any Sixth Form parents to join us for an afternoon to discuss the key issues around Sixth Form

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Sixth Form Raising Achievement Evening

### **Key Email Addresses:**

I would greatly appreciate if you could include me in any emails to the people below so I can ensure you receive a timely response.

**Head of Sixth Form** – Mr Jonathan Bunting – [j.bunting@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:j.bunting@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

**Deputy Head of Sixth Form** – Ms Lauren Wyer – [l.wyer@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:l.wyer@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

**Attendance and Pastoral Lead** – Ms Siobhan Burke – [s.burke@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:s.burke@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

**PA to Sixth Form** – Mrs Lucie McDowell – [l.mcdowell@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:l.mcdowell@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

**Bursary related enquires** – Mrs Alison Gallagher – [a.gallagher@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:a.gallagher@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

I appreciate as I write to you now, I am sharing a vision rather than details. These will come over the next few weeks. What I can promise you is that I am absolutely committed to

ensuring that every student in our Sixth Form gets the best possible experience and that they are successful academically.

I very much to look forward to working with you next year.

Kind regards



Jonathan Bunting

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