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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is my great privilege to be writing to you for the first time as Head of School of Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth. I am delighted to have been appointed to work with Mrs Laher, Associate Executive Principal, Miss Eddery, Lead Principal, and our staff team to ensure that every child benefits from the very best education. I would like to thank Dr Robinson for the outstanding leadership he has shown whilst Head of School, and wish him well in his role as Principal at Outwood Academy Normanby.

This is an exciting time in the life of our school community: students with a strong commitment to success; a highly motivated and skilled staff; a school that plays a key part in the wider community. As our capacity is expected to increase in coming years, the new building changes will continue to ensure that your child is provided with the very best education experience in the best facilities.

The achievements of our students are reflected in strong exam outcomes and the successes they achieve at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth and during their future studies and careers. Our expectations lie beyond this. We expect students to develop a strong sense of responsibility for their own actions and their learning.

Our commitment to raising standards means that we want our students at Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth to be successful in 21st century society. This will involve them developing a range of skills required by industry to succeed and contribute wholly to society in later life.

To be successful and to have an improved quality of life there will be three key areas we will continue to focus on with you and your children:

1. Improving their literacy and numeracy skills
2. Improving their attendance
3. Improving their attitudes towards their learning.

I am mindful of the many changes that we have all had to adjust to during the last year, but I am proud of the resilience and hard work demonstrated by our students. It has been my pleasure to meet with students in lessons and at break times this week to talk with them about their aspirations and goals.

Raising standards also means that we make sure all of the basics are consistently right. Thank you in advance for supporting us so that our very high standards of conduct, attendance and uniform are met, so that our staff team is able to focus on educational excellence.

In order to help you understand what your child's experience of the Academy is like, as well as sharing some information on the systems we use in the Academy, I will be hosting two online parent information sessions on Wednesday 28th September at 4.30pm and 5.30pm. I

To access the 4.30pm session please use this link:

[Head of School Presentation 1](#)

To access the 5.30pm session please use this link:

[Head of School Presentation 2](#)

We expect the very best from our students because we believe they can achieve great things and because the Academy cares deeply for the development of your child. As the parent or carer, you have placed such a huge responsibility on us to help prepare your child for success in 21st century Britain.

I look forward to us working together and celebrating all that they achieve.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Rhodes', written in a cursive style.

Mr Jason Rhodes
Head of School