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Dear Parent / Carer,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Head Teacher of our school. It is an absolute privilege to have been given the opportunity to work each day with the pupils, staff and parents of Chryston High School.

I have already had a number of parents introduce themselves to me during the first week of the new school session and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the very warm welcome I have received. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr. Muir, our previous Head Teacher and, on behalf of our school community, I wish him a well-deserved, happy and healthy retirement. I am most grateful for the support he has given me while I was preparing to take up my new post.

Chryston High is a school which I have long admired. I firmly believe that in working together we will continuously improve learning, attainment and 'achieve success for all'. I decided that I would send this letter after my first week rather than before or during it so that I could refer to my initial experiences in the school. I am delighted to comment at this stage on the outstanding conduct of our young people and I am encouraged by the high quality learning I have experienced on my many visits to classrooms across the school.

On the first day of the new session, I spoke to every pupil during year group assemblies. I spoke of the values and principles that I feel provide the strong foundations of an excellent school. The values I mentioned included compassion, ambition, respect, courage and integrity. Some of the principles I referred to included improvement, engagement and inclusion. My main aim is for Chryston High School to continuously strive towards excellence in regard to these values and principles. By further instilling these values in the young people of our school I am confident that we will improve learning, build capacity and ultimately ensure the ongoing success of Chryston High School.

I am offering a 'Head Teacher Drop In' for anyone who would like to meet me on an informal basis on a Monday between 4pm and 5.30pm beginning this Monday (29th August). I will offer this until the October break and I would welcome very general discussions about our school. This would not be a time to highlight any individual issues or concerns. These should be discussed initially through contacting your son/daughter's Pupil Support teacher in the first instance as has been the case in the past.

Yours faithfully,

Jonny Mitchell, Head Teacher



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