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Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the Headteacher of Stanwell School, and to welcome you to what I am sure will be a very busy and exciting year ahead.

I am commencing my post having been Headteacher at St. Joseph's RC High School in Newport for the last 5 years. Prior to that I worked as a school improvement adviser for Newport Local Authority and have previously taught in schools across South Wales.

I am hugely privileged to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Stanwell School and to be able to lead a strong school onto further successes. The school can be justly proud of pupils' achievements over time, but it is not complacent. I am determined to secure an outstanding future for Stanwell which builds on the work of its dedicated teaching and support staff and its partnership with you as parents /carers. I have the very highest expectations of all the pupils and staff, and it is my intention, in line with the school's mission statement, to continue to create the conditions in which everyone in the school community can 'learn to excel' whatever their starting point, interests or talents.

In my initial visits to the school and during the first week of term, I have been impressed with the emphasis on pastoral support for pupils. With the complex challenges faced by young people today, it is imperative that this focus on student wellbeing is a priority in school. This, along with a relentless focus on teaching and learning and the provision of a rich and broad range of extra-curricular opportunities that span the arts, music, drama and sport, will provide the context in which young people can continue to flourish and grow into happy, confident young adults.

I would request your full support as parents/carers in ensuring that your child attends school punctually every day, and that they are fully equipped and prepared for the day ahead. In particular I would ask that students wear their Stanwell School uniform with pride at all times. Ensuring that students attend school dressed smartly in school uniform is the foundation for high standards in other aspects of school life, including a positive attitude towards learning and behaviour.

I would also like to finish by taking this opportunity to warmly congratulate all of our students who completed their studies with us at GCSE and A level both on their examination successes this summer and for all they have contributed to the life of the school during their time with us. We wish them well in their next step.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the year and to working in partnership with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T Brown
Headteacher