



THE
GARIBALDI
SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the Achievement Lead for Year 9. My role as Achievement Lead is to ensure that the school's processes, procedures and practices work effectively to improve the quality of education provided. It is my aim to ensure that all students work to their full potential and, in doing so, raise the standards of achievement in the school.

Student progress and character development is at the heart of what I intend to focus on during the role this year. My role, which is the first of its kind at the school, offers students, staff, and parents/carers an extra level of support to guide students on their journey to becoming successful learners and achievers.

As an Achievement lead I will:

- Drop in on study period sessions and lessons to build up a picture of a student's 'Attitude To Learning' (ATL), achievement and aspiration;
- Deliver assemblies and meet on a weekly basis with students' mentors;
- Ask to see books and students' work at times;
- Follow up achievement concerns from mentors, and parents/carers;
- Identify and celebrate student success and achievements formally and informally;
- Champion Year 9 and build self-confidence and belief;
- Challenge students in terms of their ATL, achievement and behaviour;
- Conduct weekly ATL reviews on individuals.

We know that ATL has a demonstrable impact on student achievement and it is a clear and easy system for students, staff and parents to work with. The top 20% of the most successful students in Year 11 last year had an ATL of 1.5, which provides a high challenge for Year 9 to aspire to. We also know that ATL is pivotal in shaping the character of students and preparing them to be the best possible version of themselves in the future, after their time with us at Garibaldi.

As the Achievement Lead for year 9, I am here to answer any questions and queries relating to the achievement being made by each individual student.

I'd like to take this opportunity to confirm your points of contact:

- Mentor – First point of contact for all concerns;
- **Mr B West – Achievement Lead** – Concerns relating to ATL, progress and achievement
- Mr P Hunt – Behaviour and Safeguarding
- Miss P Taylor – Year Manager for Year 9 (Safeguarding and pastoral support)
- Mr J Crossland – Attendance Officer

This is an exciting time for The Garibaldi School as we strive to create a culture of success. I know how important parental support is at Garibaldi and over this next year and beyond I look forward to working with you to ensure that each year contributes to even better achievements for our students.

Kind regards

Mr B West
Achievement Lead – Year 9
Teacher of English