



William Hulme's Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a very positive start to the new academic year and it has been delightful to see so many of our students approaching the term with energy and enthusiasm. At the end of my first two weeks in post, I have been reflecting on the positive attitudes of our students and it is with great pride that I now find myself part of the William Hulme's community.

In her previous letter, Mrs Heaton our new Principal, set out how we are expecting students to behave in school and how they can follow the school's charters of Ambition, Compassion and Respect. On the whole, students' behaviour has been exemplary on the school site; many students are keen to maintain these high expectations and ensure they are not in detention after school. There is, however, still a small minority of students who are struggling to self-regulate and manage their behaviours in a positive way. All members of our school community are valued; more than anything your child, the learning of your child and the behaviour of your child, matters to each member of our staff. We do, therefore, hope you can continue to support our procedures to ensure that all of our students can learn and thrive, free from distraction.

Over the next few weeks and months, we will continue to remind students how we are shaping our school community to ensure that William Hulme's Grammar School is the best place to learn, and the best place to grow and flourish. Students have heard first hand why a sense of collectiveness and togetherness is important in strengthening our school; so many are already embracing this culture, greeting staff at the gates each day with a simple 'good morning', holding open doors for other students and staff members and engaging in conversation with others throughout the school day. Many students are keen to learn and are regulating their behaviours to allow others to do the same. We believe that all students at WHGS have the capacity for success and our staff are prepared to work hard to ensure that we continue to be a thriving, caring and inclusive community.

I have felt extremely welcomed by the students over the past two weeks and I am delighted to be in role as Head of the Secondary and Sixth Form phases. Alongside Mrs Heaton, I hope to serve all families and members of the WHGS community and look forward to the opportunities to meet you over the coming term.

Yours sincerely

Thom Copestake
Head of School