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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Interim Head of Year 8 and Spring 2 Transition Plans

I would like to start by sharing with you that it continues to be a delight to greet the students at the gates and in the corridors each morning. The students are arriving smartly dressed and modelling excellent manners, often enquiring how staff are, wishing us a good day and this morning was the perfect example of this. As the Mill Road Campus Lead, I am proud to work alongside these students and I am confident that they are going to continue to go from strength-to-strength in the next stages of their education.

To continue to help us all work together in supporting and guiding the students in the second half of the Spring Term, it is important that I make you aware of our temporary change in the Year 8 Pastoral Team. Whilst Mr Tovey focuses upon some other key areas in the academy, I am delighted that **Mr Perry will be our new acting Head of Year 8**. Many of you will know that Mr Perry has been a valued member of the academy since 2019 and many of the Year 8 students have greatly benefitted from his support and teaching in PE, Personal Development and Religious Education.

Mr Perry has recently been mentoring and supporting some key individuals in Year 8 with great success and he is now looking to build on his excellent work, as he works closely alongside myself, Mrs Janes and all stakeholders, in order to guide the Year 8's into their next stage.

Mr Perry and I will be holding an assembly tomorrow morning that will aim to explain that he will temporarily be supporting them as their Head of Year, as well as introducing the start of the Year 8 into 9 Transition period. As you will recall from the work that we did for the Year 6 into 7 Transition period, we put a strong emphasis on preparing the students for the next stages in their education. The Year 8 into 9 transition process starts with the students reflecting on their successes so far at Plume and taking further responsibilities in making some choices for their next steps.

We will be sending you further details about the Mini-Options process next week, including what these choices involve and how you can support your child with their decisions. However in the meantime, we felt it important for you to know that we are starting to introduce some of the ideas gradually in assembly and tutor time, as well continuing with their usual tutor time and PD activities.

Thank you again for your continued support and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself via [j.everett@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:j.everett@plume.essex.sch.uk) or Mr Perry via [j.perry@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:j.perry@plume.essex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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