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Dear Parents / Carers

It is a privilege to write my first letter to you as Headteacher of Stokesley School and Sixth Form. I feel honoured to be able to lead this school community in the next stage of its journey.

Born and raised in North Yorkshire, I am keenly aware of the strong reputation of this school going back over the decades. In my first week I have already been able to see the enormous potential of our students and of the school. Working in close partnership with yourselves, your children, and the staff team I am confident that we will be able to build upon the strong foundations that exist and make further improvements to benefit our entire school community.

I have worked as a leader in a wide variety of schools, most recently as Deputy Headteacher at Malton School. My approach as Headteacher of Stokesley School will be open, honest and aspirational. I have always deeply engaged with each school's community, taking every opportunity to meet with, and gain feedback from, students, parents, carers and staff. I will work tirelessly to support the school community and ensure every young person reaches their potential.

The school is in a strong position following its recent good judgement from OFSTED. This is testament to the dedication, passion and hard work of the staff team, but also to the students, and to you for your support of the school and its aspirations. I will take my time over the coming term to immerse myself in the school and to gain a deeper understanding of its strengths and areas for further development.

Our pursuit of excellence will continue at pace, working collaboratively with our colleagues in the Areté Learning Trust to maximise the benefits of our partnership working and collective expertise to help us achieve our future aims and objectives.

Throughout my career I have been proud to foster strong relationships with the communities I have served. I look forward to working with you, together, to ensure all of our young people realise their potential and become the best they can be.

Yours faithfully

Mr Michael Fenwick
Headteacher

