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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Ms Crossley, Curriculum Lead – English

My name is Janine Crossley, and I'm pleased to introduce myself as the new Curriculum Lead for English here at Heywood Academy. It's a privilege to be part of such an amazing school where all students are encouraged to be 'successful and valued'.

I've worked in education for over ten years, gaining experience in mainstream schools, adapting curricula for diverse learners. I've always been passionate about making learning accessible, meaningful, and ambitious for every student. I believe strongly that all young people deserve a rich and challenging English curriculum, and that this can – and should – be delivered in a way that meets their individual needs.

My approach to teaching is grounded in evidence and experience. I hold the National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching (NPQLT), and I'm always working to keep my practice up to date. I've studied how students learn, including the role of memory, cognitive load, and emotional regulation, which is especially important for young people at Heywood Academy. I also hold a Level 1 certificate in Trauma-Informed Practice, which helps me to understand and respond to the emotional needs that can sometimes sit alongside learning.

At Heywood Academy, I'm committed to creating a curriculum that's both rigorous and inclusive. That means giving students the full entitlement of the English National Curriculum, adapted carefully so that it stretches and supports all learners. I believe in

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high expectations with the right scaffolding, and I'm excited to see our students grow in confidence, skill, and independence.

As a sibling to a young person with ASC, I understand some of the challenges and also the strengths that come with neurodiversity. It has shaped how I think about teaching, especially how important it is for parents and carers to feel heard and involved. I'm looking forward to working with you to get the very best outcomes for your child.

As I prepare for September, I will be looking forward to creating an environment where all learners feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. If you have any questions or would just like to say hello, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Crossley
Curriculum Lead - English