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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to introduce myself as your son's new form tutor. Many of the students in 9M are new to me, although in their first year in the school I coached rugby to some and taught RS to others. It was a pleasure today to meet them all, whether for the first time or not. We will be seeing a lot of each other but I think I shall greatly enjoy their company.

I very much look forward to supporting and guiding your son on his journey through his GCSE years. I have seen plenty of form groups pass through Years 10 and 11 over the last 8 years in the school and I know that sometimes there is anxiety at this stage about how to do well in the end. If I may take the opportunity to share just one piece of wisdom it is this: those students who have done exceptionally well at GCSE have not worked every hour of every day, but they have always been those who have been consistent in doing the basics. This means turning up to lessons with the right equipment, paying attention, and completing to a good standard everything that is set. If your son can start his GCSE years by being consistent in doing the basics well, he will be off to a very good start indeed.

As you know, tutees are always encouraged to speak to their tutor about their concerns (as well as their successes!). Parents are very welcome to do the same and should you need to do so for any reason, my email address is alake@saintolaves.net.

Yours faithfully

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