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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome! I am delighted to write to you as part of our new S1 and to welcome you to Galashiels Academy.

The transition process has been under way for some time and we have welcomed all P7s to their new school for the transition day in February. The P7 pupils have made a really good impression on these days and at the Remembrance Assembly. Our Senior Leadership team and Head Team have visited primaries and there has been a lot of collaborative work between Primary and Secondary staff.

Obviously at this time we cannot go ahead with the 2 day visit but we will set up a range of engagements up until the end of June. Despite the issues just now, this is an exciting time for you and your children. We work very hard with our Primary colleagues to provide a smooth transition to enable us all to hit the ground running in August.

In Galashiels Academy, our school vision is: values, skills and qualifications to be the best we can be. In addition, our school values are: effort, respect and ambition. We care about our young people, we know them, and we challenge and support them to be the best they can be.

My aim is for all our young people to have pride and ambition in themselves and in our school. We have high expectations of all in our school. It is a place where all pupils and staff feel valued, and can learn and achieve. Our school provides excellent levels of support and learning and teaching, a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities and experiences, and a varied and accessible curriculum. We believe in our young people and we enjoy working with them.

We foster a Growth Mindset oriented learning culture where we value effort above all else and we believe that challenges are central to learning. We expect high levels of attendance and punctuality and pride in wearing our school uniform which represents identity and equality. In classes, we encourage all our students to be ambitious and to strive to do their best in everything they do.

To achieve these goals, we need to work together. We ask parents to continue to support their children at home, and keep in touch with the school. We would welcome any support from the local community as we develop our young people and deliver a wide and varied curriculum.

We value your feedback. If you have a suggestion or if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at galashielsacademy@scotborders.gov.uk and we will do everything we can to help. You can also keep up to date by looking at our website and following our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Yours faithfully



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