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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as I come to the end of my first week as Principal here at Oasis Academy Brightstowe. It has been a privilege to meet your children this week as we begin the summer term.

I have spent my week getting to know the school by meeting with colleagues, visiting classrooms and talking to people from our community. Everyone has been very welcoming, and I have been impressed by how articulate and warm the students are in their communication. I have seen some high-quality learning taking place, including assessments for qualifications and I have observed, numerous times, students being fantastic role models and ambassadors for the Academy.

Looking ahead, we will continue to build on the current classroom initiatives to ensure all students can access their learning, while continuing to address the challenge of accelerating progress for all students. This is alongside a range of activities designed to celebrate and reward students, develop student leadership, and promote participation in house competitions. As we forge ahead in ensuring students can reach their full potential, I ask you to continue to support your child to attend, engage and participate whilst demonstrating the 4 Rs: **Positive Relationships, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**. For Year 11 families please encourage your child to access the support and interventions available to them including masterclasses and intervention revision sessions and use the website links for well-being support.

I am looking forward to meeting you as valued members of the Oasis community. There will be several opportunities for parents and carers to visit the school including Parents' Evenings, the Big Brightstowe Chat and Awards Evening in the coming months.

I am excited to be here at Oasis and look forward to working collaboratively with you for our students.

Yours sincerely

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