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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed the festive break with family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Porthcawl Comprehensive School. It is a privilege to lead this wonderful school and I look forward to working with everyone across the school community as we move into 2023.

I must pay tribute to and thank Mr Slade for his time during the autumn term. Our regular contact has ensured a smooth headteacher transition. I have been able to keep up to date with important information, attend after school events and plan for the spring term. I am looking forward to continuing to build upon the success the school has already achieved under Mr Slade's leadership, and I would like to wish him the very best for the future.

To provide a short introduction, over the last 20 years I have worked in three different schools across three local authorities, and I arrive at Porthcawl Comprehensive School having been a school leader in Bridgend for the last ten years. Taking up this post is an honour and the school's longstanding motto of '*Perseverance Creates Success*' is something that really resonates with my values. My aim is that every pupil fulfils their potential through a wide range of learning experiences underpinned by excellent teaching and outstanding care, support and guidance.

High standards and expectations are at the heart of what I do. My vision for outstanding education is driven by an ethos of 'can-do' where every pupil feels secure, finds fulfilment through their love of learning and achieves their potential through a broad and balanced curriculum that does not cap aspiration, it drives it! I want our pupils to become passionate and creative problem solvers, ready to thrive in the adult world. I want them to be ambitious, enterprising and inventive. I want them to develop confidence, resilience and resourcefulness and most importantly I want them to feel safe, supported and guided.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr Robert Aldridge who joins us from Mary Immaculate High School in Cardiff. He has taken up the post of Assistant Headteacher: Director of Studies where he will lead on the design, development and delivery of the new curriculum and ensure excellent standards of learning & teaching – welcome Mr Aldridge. The school's senior leadership team is now structured as:

Mr M. Stephens, Headteacher

Mrs A. O'Brien, Deputy Headteacher

Miss C-A. Painter, Deputy Headteacher

Miss K. Owens, Assistant Headteacher: Director of Planning and Communications

Mrs S. James, Assistant Headteacher: Director of Progress

Mr R. Aldridge, Assistant Headteacher: Director of Studies

Mrs K. Poole, Secondee to SLT

I look forward to strong partnerships between parents, carers and the school. As you know this is especially important in enabling children to achieve success and so I ask for your full support of school policies and for your continued proactive involvement in your child's education.

I look forward to meeting you throughout 2023.

Kind regards,

Mike Stephens

Mr Michael Stephens

Headteacher