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Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of Strood Academy, as of 1 November 2020. It is an incredible honour to have been appointed by The Leigh Academies Trust and the school Governors to be entrusted with the job of leading such a wonderful school community.

Many of you will already know me; I have previously been part of Strood Academy's Senior Leadership Team as Vice Principal/Head of Hercules College. I am extremely proud of working at Strood and I have a firm belief in all our students achieving their very best. I have worked in education for over 14 years and truly believe that at the centre of everything we do is the individual child. I am extremely excited to be a part of raising aspirations and attainment for our pupils and I am determined that the school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish. I am looking forward to working with the community as we strive for even greater success for all our young people. By working together, we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Recently, Strood Academy has been through a period of change but I am confident that moving forwards the school will continue to thrive and this will mark a new chapter in the journey to a successful future for all. I would like to acknowledge the hard work from Mrs Piralic during this academic year and would like to reassure you that we will continue to have high expectations of our pupils and be a well-disciplined academy. Our pupils will continue to thrive in a culture defined by mutual respect and good behaviour. They should have excellent attendance arriving on time as well as continuing to wear the correct uniform and be fully equipped for learning.

Strood Academy is a candidate school for the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and we will continue learning, teaching, and living in the spirit of the International Baccalaureate. We will provide a curriculum that challenges students to solve problems, show creativity and resourcefulness, but can also act with integrity and participate actively in our community.

We see parents and carers as an integral part of our community and we want to continue working together to secure the best possible outcomes for their children. I passionately believe that education transforms lives, that there is no ceiling to achievement and I am extremely proud of the academic progress that our pupils make.



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As a school we have uncompromising aspirations for all of our pupils and we will work relentlessly to allow every pupil to reach their potential within a nurturing community. Every pupil matters; every pupil can achieve; every lesson counts. Through innovation and creative thinking, we will work tirelessly to ensure that every child leaves secondary education with all the skills required to lead a successful, and most importantly, a happy adult life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support. I am determined to do the very best for Strood Academy. I will always put students first when making decisions and I am excited and enthused to take up my new post. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

**Numera Anwar**  
**Principal**



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