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Dear Parent/ Carer

Firstly, I would like to introduce our new Business teacher Mr Burke, he comes to join us with a wealth of subject knowledge and experience of teaching across all three key stages. We are both delighted that your child has selected one of our courses and look forward to working with them and yourselves over the next two years.

I am also writing to inform you that due to a new specification for the existing Cambridge National Enterprise and Marketing Level 2, which does not, we feel, benefit any of our students we have changed to a different examination board, Edexcel. Students will now be studying GCSE Business which is graded 9-1, in line with other GCSE options. (A copy of the course overview is attached). This decision has been made to allow students to continue to enjoy a broad and balanced offer to the curriculum delivered in Business whilst being able to successfully achieve their full potential without being disadvantaged by any means.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the resources and how you can best support your child to achieve the best results in their exam.

Students will be using Google Classroom to share lessons and resources. A course and revision books for the course, highlighted on Google Classroom and Class charts, can be purchased via ParentPay shop at cost price- <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1120> supplemented by further online resources such as SENECA. Homework will be set on Class charts and highlighted on Google Classroom, this may be in the form of SENECA online learning or specified tasks related to course content.

There are a number of useful ways that you can support your child on this course; one, would be to get them to review the theory work they complete in their lessons, completing all homework set on time; two, discuss what they are currently learning in class and how it relates to the wider world of business; and three, to watch some of the many business related programmes on TV/YouTube – for example The Apprentice, Inside the factory, The repair shop, highlight national and multinational companies in the news or that have documentaries.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Burke, or myself if you require support or have any concerns/questions. I do hope that your child enjoys their course.

Yours faithfully

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