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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Introduction

My name is Mr Prinsep and Mr Percival introduced me in his bulletin last week. I started at Airedale and am supporting with Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development at Senior Leader level.

I just wanted to write and say what a lovely warm welcome I've been given by the students and how impressed I am with their politeness, their positive attitude and their behaviour. I've now done several assemblies with them and their conduct has been impeccable.

Y7 have made an incredible start to joining the academy and I got to spend the day for Y8 last week on their Enterprise Day and was blown away by their teamwork, listening skills and presenting skills (which some did on stage in front of the whole yeargroup!). Y11 have navigated their first week of mock exams with a great attitude, hard work ethic with regards to revision and brilliant conduct in entering and leaving the exams hall. I'm very proud of how they have approached the mocks and this will reflect well in the final exams that will start in May. Y9 and Y10 have similarly impressed me especially around social times and transition across the academy.

I have worked in education for well over 20 years and much of this was spent at Castleford Academy so it's been a great surprise to find that I've taught quite a few Airedale parents too (although it has made me feel very old) so a big thank you for the welcome I've received and how supportive you've been if I've had to contact you.

Thank you.

Mr Prinsep