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Dear Families,

I am writing this letter to formally introduce myself as the academy's Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Student Welfare and Wellbeing, as well as being the new DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead).

I have been a qualified teacher for over a decade with over 10 years of experience leading and supporting student welfare which includes coordination of Relationships, Sex and Health Education and enrichment as well as 9 years as a Pastoral Manager. I myself attended Handsworth Wood Girls Academy and I am hoping to bring a wealth of experience to my role.

Safeguarding our students is at the heart of all we do. Moreover, student welfare and wellbeing are not just something that we focus on during term time – our students matter to us all year round! I plan to ensure that all staff are fully trained in order to effectively safeguard all pupils and that students feel safe in the knowledge that their welfare and wellbeing is of paramount importance. There are a wide range of services available for all students to access and I'm hoping myself alongside the safeguarding team will continue to equip students with the knowledge and understanding required, for good mental health and physical wellbeing.

I will be working closely with Miss Jones, our Safeguarding Manager and the pastoral team. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's welfare or wellbeing at the academy, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Jones via the academy main number (0121-554-8122) or by email:

Mrs Stacy Dennis – [sdennis@hwga.org.uk](mailto:sdennis@hwga.org.uk)

Miss Emma Jones – [ejones@hwga.org.uk](mailto:ejones@hwga.org.uk)

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child receives the best safeguarding provisions during their time at the academy. Be rest assured that their welfare and wellbeing is of the highest priority at King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stacy Dennis  
(Assistant Headteacher)

Miss Emma Jones  
(Safeguarding Manager)

Headteacher: Mr Qamar Riaz