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20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Parent Forum, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**

I am pleased to introduce myself as the Acting Principal of Rye College, having been seconded from the Rye Studio School as from September 2016.

The new term has started very positively, with staff and students alike being buoyed by the greatly improved examination results achieved in the summer, returning the College to the upward trajectory established prior to 2013.

The results are of great credit to the staff and students, making both Rye College and the Studio School two of the most improved schools in East Sussex on outcomes.

I can assure you I will do all I can, in close conjunction with Mr Tim Hulme, our new Chief Executive Officer and the governors to both secure that level of performance and improve still further upon the outcomes. This will not be without challenges as we address the new GCSE's in English and Maths, as well as addressing numerous other issues confronting education at both local and national level.

To this end can I assure you that we will continue to set high expectations of our students in terms of behaviour and attitudes to learning; I am delighted with the response of parents and students to the tightening of the uniform code. Without doubt our students look smart, part of a team, proud to be at Rye College and ready to learn. Similarly, the staff are committed to providing great teaching and the best opportunities for students to make a successful transition to the next stage of their education. I hope for many this will be within the Rye Academy Trust at the Studio School, which produced some of the best A level results in the area.

Please can I draw your attention to the first Parents Forum of the year on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm to 7pm, when both Tim and I, along with other Senior Leaders will be present to share aspects of our development plans and the new GCSE assessment grading system with you.

If you have any specific question that you would like to ask it would be helpful if you could e-mail them in advance to [shill@ryecollege.co.uk](mailto:shill@ryecollege.co.uk) in order that we can try to answer as fully as possible.

I look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Gillespie".

Ian Gillespie  
Acting Principal



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It would be extremely helpful to know if you intend to attend the in order to arrange seating, please could you complete the information below to help us with this.

Return to: student reception

I would like to attend the Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October and require \_\_\_\_\_ number seats.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail contact: \_\_\_\_\_