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Dear Parent/Carer,

Message from The Portsmouth Academy's New Executive Principal

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful festive break with your loved ones. Before Christmas, the news of my appointment as Executive Principal of The Portsmouth Academy and Regional Director (South) was shared, and I am thrilled to have now started in this role.

My first day, ahead of welcoming students back on Tuesday, 7th January, was spent meeting staff and working closely with my Senior Leadership Team to learn more about the excellent work already accomplished.

It is an honour to join The Portsmouth Academy, and I look forward to working with you, our parent community, to continue providing a high-quality education for every student. I am especially excited to bring my experience as a headteacher and Ofsted inspector in the South East to positively impact our pupils' outcomes.

I would like to thank Mrs. Smith for her leadership and dedication as interim principal and regional director. Mrs Smith and I will be working together over the course of this term on plans for the next chapter for The Portsmouth Academy. Mrs Smith's guidance has been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing to build on the good work of the team here at The Portsmouth Academy and across the Thinking Schools Academy Trust.

As we move forward, I am eager to build on the great work at The Portsmouth Academy, empowering our young people while upholding our values of Aspire, Achieve, and Respect. I look forward to meeting parents at the upcoming progress evenings.

Best regards,



Mr. Daniel Botting
Executive Principal and Regional Director (South)
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