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Dear Parents and Carers

New Student Leadership Opportunity

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Student Leadership Programme at the Bulwell Academy, designed to enhance our students' educational experience by giving them a greater voice within our school community. This initiative aims to develop essential skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving - which are invaluable both within and beyond the school environment.

Year 11 Prefect Team

For our Year 11 students, we are introducing a Prefect Team. Being a Prefect is a prestigious role that comes with a variety of responsibilities, including representing the school at events, supporting younger students, and providing ideas to help to improve the academy further. Each of our Prefects will be linked to lead a year group student council and will have the opportunity to lead younger students alongside the Director of Achievement. Two students will be allocated the role of Head Prefect. This will be decided through application and then interview. This experience will not only bolster their leadership skills but also provide them with a sense of responsibility and accomplishment.

Student Councils for Years 7-10

For our students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10, we will establish a Student Council for each year group. These councils will be a platform for students to voice their opinions,



contribute ideas, and collaborate on projects that enhance the school community. Each council will meet regularly to discuss issues, propose solutions, and work on initiatives that matter to their peers. This structure ensures that all students have the opportunity to be heard and to actively participate in making our academy a better place.

Students have had the application process explained to them during Forum. For prospective student councillors, this includes writing a speech to be delivered to a class of their peers. For Prefects, applicants have the option of creating a video, or pre-recording a speech that will be listened to and then voted on by the whole school. We believe that by involving students in leadership roles, we are preparing them to be proactive and responsible members of society. The skills they develop through this programme will be beneficial in their academic pursuits and future careers.

We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity to grow and to make a positive impact on our school community. Thank you for your continued support in fostering an environment where our students can thrive. The new student leadership team will be in place for the start of the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

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