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Dear Parent/Carer

Student Leaders and Prefects

I am delighted to inform you that a number of year 10 students have now been recognised as student leaders and are working towards earning their prefect status. There is a fixed criteria for becoming a student leader which takes into account attendance and behaviour; for those who are not currently eligible to achieve this, there will be opportunities later in the school year if their attendance improves and there are no behaviour concerns.

For those working towards being prefects, it is important to understand that the role is an important one at our school with the following being the main duties involved:

- **To lead by example and be a positive role model for the rest of the school community**
- **To be an ambassador for the school within the community**
- **To help maintain order and discipline**
- **To support extra-curricular activities**
- **To help other students**

Once prefect status has been achieved, students are eligible to apply for the role of Head Student or House Leader, both vital senior leadership roles within the student body. Applications and interviews for Head Student will take place in the summer term. Following those appointments, House Leaders will be democratically elected by each house.

Student leader and prefects are a visible presence within the school and wider community due to their ties. Student leader ties (maroon) are available on Parent Pay now (£5 deposit) and will be swapped for prefect ties (blue) once their challenges have been completed.

While taking on a student leadership role in addition to the workload incurred by GCSE exams is a challenge, I am sure you would agree that the opportunity offered is extremely worthwhile in terms of developing a variety of skills and building confidence.

There will be a monitoring system in place as students adopt the roles of student leader and prefect. While we would be loath to withdraw their status, we will do so if prefects repeatedly fail to do duties or if they accrue behaviour logs either in or out of lessons (including transgressions to school uniform regulations).

Congratulations to our new student leaders we look forward to working with you.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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Head of KS4