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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to introduce myself, following my appointment as the Interim Executive Headteacher at Medina College, which includes The Island VI Form. It is a privilege to take up this post and serve the VI Form and Medina community in this role. I am passionate about the power of education to shape young people's lives and look forward to working with you, Dave Mumford – Head of the Island VI Form, Phil Pearce-Jones in his role of Head of School, the Senior Leadership Team, and the dedicated team of staff and Governors to ensure every student feels they are supported in their learning, happy and well-cared for and are provided with the opportunity to develop their individual talents, achieve their aspirations.

I am an experienced leader, having spent 38 years in education in a variety of roles – teacher, Head of Year, Assistant Head in charge of teaching and learning, Curriculum Deputy and Headteacher. In addition to this, I have served as a Chair of Governors at an Island school and Governor in an outstanding Sixth Form College.

As well as working in schools, I have provided external support through my work as a School Improvement Partner and leadership coach for Headteachers and Senior Leaders. During my years of Headship, I am proud to share that the students in the schools I lead achieved excellent outcomes and thrived in a culture of high expectations and support for their learning and personalised needs. During my time as Principal at the Beacon School, the staff and students were recognised by the Secretary of State for the sustained improvement in student outcomes, taking the school into the top 100 non-selective schools. In addition, I have shared [here](#), the Ofsted report for my most recent Headship at Hamble in Hampshire, where I was in post between March 2015 and September 2018. I have done this to give you a sense of the skills, drive and ambition I bring to ensure that each and every young person at The Island VI Form receives the highest quality education.

I believe students thrive in an environment in which there are high, clear, and consistent expectations and a culture of mutual support and respect. In addition, there needs to be an absolute focus on the quality of the teaching and learning the students receive and how a student's needs are best met. Sixth form study is about enabling each student to achieve academically and develop their skills and talents in order that they are equipped for the next stage of their lives. Providing opportunities beyond the classroom as well as a wide range of courses is essential to support academic achievement and enable the students to grow in confidence and to become accomplished young adults.

I am joining the College at an exciting time of change, with The Island VI Form, as part of Medina College joining the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Portsmouth Trust (HISP Multi- Academy Trust). Being part of the Trust will bring a wealth of new opportunities for both staff and students and I look forward to sharing these with you as we move forward.

An effective home-school partnership is a very important factor in every young person's educational progress and well-being. With this in mind, I want to share my commitment to

building an open and welcoming culture so that we can work effectively together to enable each student in our care to achieve success.

I very much look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Croke', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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