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Welcome Letter from the Student Leader Team

Dear Applicant

The senior Student Leader Team at Ribblesdale play a key role in being the voice of the school. We provide a crucial link between pupils and staff, striving to ensure that the school is the best it possibly can be. Through this, combined with the hard work of the amazing staff, Ribblesdale is a great environment, in which we have received invaluable opportunities and made lasting friendships.

At Ribblesdale, the Student Leader Team are actively involved in numerous events, such as parents' evenings and open days, with a view to showcasing our school in a positive light. The Senior Student Leader Team also comprises of several dedicated committees, each with a focus on an individual area. At present, among others, we have established committees dedicated to charity and the environment, as well as Pupil Voice; a pupil-led organisation responsible for voicing the ideas of the student body to staff. Previous successes of Pupil Voice have included the introduction of a 'house tie', the construction of a new dining area and the 'wet break' system. As a team, we are committed to embracing the ethos of the school and working hard to maintain the high standards we are familiar with.

Although Ribblesdale is one of the largest 11-16 high schools in Lancashire, housing over 1200 pupils, no compromises are made in terms of our facilities or our efforts in creating integral links with the local community. Throughout a pupil's time at Ribblesdale, they will be presented with multiple opportunities to interact with members of the public- conducting surveys, volunteering at local care homes and taking part in the Employability Skills Programme are just a few examples of the enriching opportunities available to all Ribblesdale pupils. This wealth of experience leads to increased employability skills and invaluable knowledge of working environments.

A notable aspect of Ribblesdale is its innovative and forward-thinking approach to education. With an exciting and dynamic curriculum, pupils can rest assured that if they work hard, they can achieve their full potential. There is always opportunity for growth and personal development, both in terms of extra-curricular activities and the also the student leadership positions on offer. Pupils receive the highest quality of teaching from a team of dedicated staff, and recently, the school was granted the status as a Microsoft Training Academy, owing to our consistent commitment to increasing pupils' access to modern technologies- all with a view to them being well equipped to grow up in an increasingly digital age.

We are very fortunate at Ribblesdale to have an excellent pastoral care system, with a Pastoral Co-ordinator assigned to each year group. We understand that as a school, we have a commitment to prioritising the mental wellbeing of our pupils, particularly considering the pressures young people face when going through this often-stressful time. Our form group structure means that in theory, pupils have a reliable network of peers to support them, as well as establishing a sense of community amongst pupils and being the foundation of strong friendships.

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No school is ever without flaws, yet at Ribblesdale we pride ourselves on taking relevant action to any problems that occur by following the 'Ribblesdale Way', a series of values that underpins the environment and ethos of the school.

We are proud to be a part of the school, and we look forward to a future wherein Ribblesdale could potentially receive certified 'Outstanding' status from Ofsted.

Yours faithfully

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