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Dear Parent/Carer

Joint statement from the Board of Directors of The Painsley Catholic Academy and Holy Trinity Academy

The Archdiocese of Birmingham approached The Painsley Catholic Multi-Academy Company (MAC), which comprises of Painsley Catholic College and its six main feeder schools in 2016 to discuss the possibility of creating a larger Multi-Academy Company by joining with the Holy Trinity MAC*, which is based in the Stafford area and comprises of 1 secondary school and 7 primaries. The rationale for such a move is to secure the future of Catholic education in the new and emerging educational landscape. The key objectives for the merger includes:

- creating a long term and stable partnership with a group of Catholic schools of sufficient size to make the company self-sufficient and mutually beneficial in terms of developing the schools' Catholic ethos, and the improvement of teaching and learning for all of the children within the single MAC

- being directly accountable to key stakeholders including the Archdiocese of Birmingham, the Regional Schools' Commissioner, the Department for Education and OfSTED

- as the MAC would educate over 4000 pupils, we would automatically qualify for capital funding from the Condition Improvement Fund resulting in much-needed additional investment in the buildings and infrastructure of the schools

We are delighted to announce that the directors of the schools comprising Holy Trinity Academy and The Painsley Catholic Academy have agreed to the coming together of the two MACs in order to move forward together in a strong and forward-thinking MAC from 1st September 2018.

In order to make the most of the new venture and to exploit further opportunities, the Directors have decided that Mr Bell should move to the position of full-time Chief Executive Officer of the new Multi-Academy Company from 1st September 2018 (a position he has successfully held across the current 7 schools in the Painsley MAC alongside the role of Principal of Painsley Catholic College since September 2012). The Board of Directors believe the most appropriate course of action will be to appoint a leader to the role of Acting Principal at Painsley for an interim period of a year. Changes to the Principal can be slightly unsettling but please be assured that the Board of Directors will ensure that the very high standards that Mr Bell has instilled will continue. Mr Bell will be responsible for the strategic development of Painsley Catholic College and all the schools in the enlarged MAC. He will continue to be present at Painsley on a very regular basis. I will write to you again when we have appointed to the interim role.

This is an exciting time for all of us and we look forward to your continuing support and the provision of an outstanding Catholic education for all of our students.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Pennington
Chair of the Board of Directors

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