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Dear Parents and Carers,

Appointment of CEO for our new Trust, which is to be called 'St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust'

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Toni Ellis has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the new St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, which is set to be formally established in September 2025. Our school will be a proud member of this Trust, and we are excited about the future under Miss Ellis's leadership.

Miss Ellis's appointment follows a rigorous two-day interview process, during which the selection panel was deeply impressed by the calibre of the candidates.

Currently serving as the CEO of St Francis and St Clare Multi-Academy Company based in Wolverhampton, Miss Ellis oversees a highly successful group of schools. Her extensive experience and proven track record in Catholic education made her an exceptional candidate for this pivotal role.

Throughout the selection process, Miss Ellis demonstrated:

- A deep faith and ability to integrate Catholic values into every aspect of her leadership.
- Exceptional resilience and a leadership style firmly rooted in her personal values.
- A clear and inspiring vision for the advancement and excellence of Catholic education across all 63 schools that will form the St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Trust.
- Miss Ellis's credibility and her ability to align faith with her work resonated strongly with the panel and underscored her readiness to lead the Trust.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Ellis to her new role and to working with her to ensure our school continues to thrive within the wider Trust community. Her leadership will undoubtedly strengthen and enhance the educational and spiritual opportunities for all students in our care.

Miss Ellis commented:

"As the newly appointed CEO of St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, I feel deeply honoured and humbled to lead this community of faith, learning and service. Rooted in the teachings of Christ and inspired by the example of St Gabriel, our mission is to nurture the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of every child entrusted to our care. We are committed to building on the many strengths our schools already have, celebrating their successes, and working collaboratively to achieve even greater success.

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Together with our dedicated leaders, staff, parents, directors, governors, and parishes, we can ensure every child is empowered to flourish, achieve their God-given potential and make a positive difference in the world. I look forward to working with you all on this exciting journey of faith and excellence in Catholic education."

Thank you for your continued support of our school as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Yours

Mr K. Wilson	Mrs J. Bradbury	Mrs R. Waugh
Chair of Directors	**Accounting Officer**	**Principal**