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Welcome to the Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust

Dear Colleagues and the wider Trust Community,

It is with great joy that we welcome St Patrick's, St Bonaventure's and St Joseph's into the Newman Catholic Trust. This marks another important milestone in our shared journey as we grow and strengthen our family of schools, united in faith and a shared commitment to excellence.

This expansion reflects the vision of our Bishop, who calls us to build a community of Catholic schools that support one another in our mission to nurture faith, develop potential and transform lives. The addition of these three schools brings fresh perspectives, unique traditions and enhanced resources, placing us in an even stronger position to meet the needs of our pupils, staff and families.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our existing schools for their warm support of St Patrick's, St Bonaventure's and St Joseph's as they join the Trust. Your openness, encouragement and willingness to embrace new partnerships have been invaluable during this period of growth. Your efforts exemplify the spirit of collaboration and family that defines our Trust.

As a larger Trust family, we are better equipped than ever to navigate the challenges of modern education. Together, we can innovate, share expertise and pool resources to enrich learning and create opportunities that benefit everyone. This collective strength empowers us to meet difficulties head-on, ensuring that no school faces challenges alone and that every member of our Trust feels supported and valued.

The inclusion of St Patrick's, St Bonaventure's and St Joseph's also allows us to expand on the early success and hard work that have defined our journey so far. By building deeper connections and fostering collaboration, we will continue to grow as a community that transforms lives and positively shapes the landscape of Catholic education.

As Saint John Henry Newman reminds us:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service... I have my mission."

Each of our schools has a unique mission, and together, our collective purpose is to build an institution where every child thrives, every voice is heard and every action leaves a lasting impact on the world around us.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Trust's work and development. It is through your dedication, faith and professionalism that we have reached this point, and it is this same commitment that will carry us forward. Together, we are shaping a future filled with hope, promise and possibility. Let us move forward with confidence, united by our shared vision and inspired by the transformative power of Catholic education.

With every blessing and best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Chris Izuka (Chair of Board)

Dr Danny Doyle (CEO)