



14th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Chief Executive Officer – The Collegiate Trust

I wanted to let our Trust community know that I have informed our Trust Board of my intention to step down as CEO at the end of August 2022. Although this is some way in the future, I wanted to make sure that the Board had good time to appoint the next CEO, in order to ensure effective transition to new leadership.

The Trust, therefore, placed a national advert for a new CEO in April, and following a rigorous process the Board has appointed Mr Soumick Dey (current Principal of *Riddlesdown Collegiate*) as CEO-Designate, to take up the substantive role on 1st September 2022. Over the coming year, Mr Dey will continue to lead Riddlesdown, and work closely with me to prepare for his new role. He and I will also work with the *Local Governing Body* at Riddlesdown to ensure we make an excellent appointment of Principal, to lead Riddlesdown from September 2022 under Mr Dey's direction.

I hope that you will see in this forward planning that the Trust is focused on maintaining the very best provision for our pupils and students, and the very best support for our staff teams. I look forward to continuing to lead our Trust for the coming year and working with our team of Principals to implement our vision of *exceptional education for all*. I also look forward, as the pandemic hopefully continues to recede, to seeing more of our pupils, students, and staff across the Trust over the coming year.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our schools and every best wish for a successful and safe conclusion to this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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