

17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is a joint letter from myself as Chair of the IEB and Rob Tarn CBE, the CEO of Northern Education Trust.

As you may be aware, Northern Education Trust (NET) has been collaborating with Denton Community College this academic year, overseeing the school's operations on behalf of the Interim Executive Board (IEB) leading up to Denton's anticipated conversion to academy status.

While we had initially anticipated a swifter conversion process, we regret to inform you of a slight delay in the proceedings. Please rest assured, however, that the transition to NET remains imminent, and we are optimistic that finalisation is forthcoming.

In the interim, thanks to our partnership with Northern Education Trust, we eagerly anticipate this summer's GCSE outcomes. These results are poised to reflect a significant improvement over previous years, positioning Denton Community College among the most improved schools nationwide in terms of student success rates in English and Mathematics examinations.

Continuing our collaborative efforts, Mr. Donald Cumming has been appointed Acting Principal at Denton. He will continue to be supported by Mr. Dean Buckley, serving as the Executive Principal, who will maintain a frequent presence on-site to oversee and lead ongoing school improvement initiatives.

We deeply appreciate your unwavering support for the school throughout this transitional period. Should you have any inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Acklam OBE

Chair of the IEB at Denton CC

Mr Rob Tarn CBE CEO of Northern Education Trust