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Dear Parents and Students,

I write to you for the first time as the newly elected Chair of Governors. In total, six foundation governors have been appointed since January. They bring vast experience and a wide range of skills to enhance those of the current board and we have been very active in planning the school's future. I am therefore delighted to announce that Mr Declan Linnane will be the new Headteacher of Trinity Catholic High School.

Mr Linnane joins us with over a decade of headship experience and a proven record of transformational leadership in Catholic education. Most recently, he has served as Headteacher of Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School, where his tenure saw the school achieve Outstanding judgements from both Ofsted and the Catholic School Inspectorate. These accolades reflect his unwavering commitment to academic excellence, pastoral care, and the spiritual development of every student.

A graduate of St Mary's University and the National College of Formation, Mr Linnane brings to Trinity a deep understanding of how Catholic education can shape young people to live with compassion, wisdom, and purpose. He is passionate about Catholic Social Teaching and has championed initiatives that promote student leadership, oracy and social justice.

Mr Linnane is known for his calm, principled leadership and his dedication to building inclusive, valuesdriven school communities. He believes strongly in nurturing the God-given potential of every young person and creating a culture where pupils feel safe, challenged, and inspired to achieve their best. We will shortly be in a position to announce when Mr Linnane will be able to join us. As he begins this new chapter at Trinity Catholic High School, Mr Linnane is eager to work in partnership with staff, students, families, and the wider community. His appointment marks an exciting new phase in the school's journey – one rooted in faith, academic ambition, and service to others.

You will all wish to join the governors in warmly welcoming Mr Declan Linnane to the Trinity family.

Mr Dominic Savage Chair of Governing Board

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