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Dear Parent/Carer

CEO's Update 1 – Autumn 2022

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer break and that pupils and students are now looking forward to returning to school for the excitement of a new academic year. I would like to congratulate all students who collected A Level, BTEC and/or GCSE results last month. For the vast majority, their successes have enabled them to progress as they would have wanted to and I am delighted that so many have chosen College VI at Riddlesdown or Quest 6 at The Quest Academy for their post-16 studies. See more on Twitter [@CollegiateTrust](https://twitter.com/CollegiateTrust).

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils and students back to school and especially welcoming those who are joining us in Reception, Year 7 & Year 12, as well as the new members of staff who are joining our fantastic team. In particular, I would like to highlight the following senior staff appointments:

- **Mrs L Bruce** has been appointed as Director of Education – she will lead our Education Team and work closely with the Principals to develop the quality of teaching, learning and leadership within and across our schools
- **Mrs K Turner** has been appointed as Principal at Riddlesdown Collegiate
- **Mr J Vass** has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Riddlesdown Collegiate
- **Mr A Crofts** has been appointed as Executive Principal at The Quest Academy & Quest Primary School (formerly Gilbert Scott Primary School)
- **Mr T Beecham** has been appointed as Head of School at The Quest Academy
- **Miss J Stawman** has been appointed as Head of School at Quest Primary School
- **Mr J Howland** has been appointed as Deputy Principal at Courtwood Primary School

At the same time, I am also delighted to now formally move into my new role as CEO of The Collegiate Trust and I am looking forward to working closely with the Executive Team and the Principals to drive the continued development of our family of schools. For me, there are three themes that drive our organisational success and help us to strive towards our vision of *an exceptional education for all*:

- **Partnership** – strong, professional relationships based on trust and compassion are vital to our success
- **Progress** – not just academic, but also personal, physical and cultural growth: “getting better” in every sense
- **Preparation** – whether for the next stage of education, the workplace or the wider challenges of life itself, preparing young people for an exciting future is at the very core of why schools exist

As we look ahead to our next phase of development – which will see a new Prime Minister and political landscape, increasing cost pressures for schools and families, and further “recovery” from the disruption of recent years – it will be these themes that drive our leadership and decision-making and help to ensure that The Collegiate Trust and everyone in it continues to thrive. I am looking forward to getting to know our school communities better over the coming months and I wish everyone in our family of schools the best of luck for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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