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Dear Parent/Carer

CEO's Update – Autumn 2024

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing summer break and is returning to school refreshed and recharged, ready 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. We saw some great successes across our schools which, for the vast majority, have enabled progression to the universities (or other next steps) that students would have wanted. I am delighted that so many students have chosen to remain at one of our Sixth Forms; we have, once again, enrolled a record number of Post-16 students this year.

In addition to welcoming new students and staff at the beginning of this new academic year, I would like to highlight the following senior staff appointments:

- **Mr A Crofts** has assumed the role of *Executive Principal* at Kenley Primary School, in addition to his role as *Executive Principal* at The Quest Academy
- **Miss J Stawman** has been appointed to the post of *Principal* at Quest Primary School
- **Ms K Marrill** has been appointed to the post of *Principal* at Woodcote High School
- **Ms K Sellers** has been appointed to the post of *Deputy Principal* at Waterfield Primary School
- **Mr C O'Sullivan** has been appointed to the post of *Director of Safeguarding* in our Central Team

At the same time, whilst Ifield Community College (ICC) in Crawley is still waiting to join The Collegiate Trust, we have been working with colleagues there for over a year now and were pleased to support the appointment of their new Principal, Mr Dan Conlon. As a consequence of Mr Conlon's promotion, we are delighted to announce the appointments of Dr Tom Harriott and Ms Sorcha Vaughan to the posts of Deputy Principal. Parents at Riddlesdown Collegiate will know Dr Harriott, as he has been the Headteacher of Orion College for the last 3½ years. I look forward to being able to confirm ICC's position within the Trust soon.

Our mission of **collaboration to deliver exceptional education** will continue to drive our work this year as we develop our ways of working as a family of schools to maximise the benefits to all within our communities. As always, I am grateful for the support of parents and carers in helping their child(ren) to be happy and successful at school; thank you for maintaining a strong home-school partnership with us and I wish everyone in our schools the very best of luck for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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