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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

WORKING WITH OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

We are writing to provide you with an update from the Governing Body regarding the school's leadership in light of my agreement to work with Our Lady's Catholic High School as Executive Headteacher in September 2021, following the resignation of their Headteacher.

The Governing Body at the school wishes to ensure that the school has the opportunity to appoint the very best candidate to the post of Headteacher at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Working in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Westminster and Hackney Education, I have been asked, and agreed, to act as Executive Headteacher, working across both schools. Mr Andy English, Deputy Headteacher, will work at Our Lady's on a full time basis as the Head of School. This is a temporary arrangement for the next academic year to give their Governing Body the opportunity to recruit the right candidate as the new Headteacher at Our Lady's.

We have already worked closely with Our Lady's over the last five years, visiting and collaborating with their senior leaders and working in partnership as the only two Catholic secondary schools in Hackney. This will be an excellent 'fit' and will provide stability for the school going into September 2021.

Arrangements will be secured for the day to day running of Cardinal Pole through the appointment of an Associate Headteacher. I am pleased that Mr Hall, a long serving member of the school and experienced Deputy Headteacher, has agreed to take on this role. I am absolutely confident that these arrangements will ensure that both schools continue to thrive.

Both Mr English and I will take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and to get to know Our Lady's Catholic High School over the next few months and will ensure that there is a smooth transition over in both schools this Summer term. We will formally take up our roles on 1st September 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

1. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan **EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**

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