

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

May I extend a very warm 'welcome back' to the new academic year. I hope that this week has been an exciting one for you and your child as we all return to school with, hopefully, an ever-growing sense of normality. There have been some tremendous achievements across the summer months all of which indicate the high quality provision that is being delivered in all our academies, and the effort and commitment of staff, students, and parents. I know that the Principal and all the team in your Academy have worked exceptionally hard to make the return as smooth as possible. I hope that you will continue to support them in keeping your child safe and accessing high quality education with minimal disruption. We all have a part to play in this and continue to follow the best health advice and guidance – together, we can make the difference!

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chief Executive of the Thomas Deacon Education Trust (TDET). It is a genuine honour and privilege to have been appointed to the post and begin to build on the superb work undertaken by Julie Taylor and the Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to meeting you at the various events that will be hosted through each Academy over the coming weeks and hope that you will be able to join me in discussing what is working well, and what we can do more of to make our academies and the Trust truly world class. It is my ambition to ensure that every student and parent whom we serve is provided with first class educational experiences in their widest sense.

The role of the Trust is to serve you. I am looking forward to leading all our academies in continuing to build the level of trust with you as genuine partners in the education of your child. We will deliver excellence in every single thing that we do and transform the future for the benefit of every learner in the Trust. We know that there will be challenges along the way, but by working together in partnership we can overcome all obstacles.

Thank you for your ongoing support – I look forward to meeting you in the very near future.

Yours sincerely



Mick Gernon  
Chief Executive