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Dear Parent/Carer

CEO's Update – Autumn 2023

As we come to the end of the long summer break, I hope that everyone has had a chance to relax and recharge and is now looking forward to the excitement of a new academic year. I must 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 have chosen to remain at Riddlesdown Collegiate, The Quest Academy or Woodcote High School for their post-16 studies, leading to the largest number of Sixth Form students we have ever enrolled. See more on Twitter [@CollegiateTrust](https://twitter.com/CollegiateTrust) and look out for our *Annual Report 2022/23* which will be published later this term.

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 K Turner** has returned to her post as *Director of Education* in the Trust's Executive Team – she will lead our Central Education Team and work closely with Principals to develop the quality of teaching, learning and leadership within and across our schools
- **Mrs L Bruce** has moved into the role of *Director of Performance & Quality* within the Central Education Team – she will work closely with Principals to raise standards and quality assure our work
- **Mr M Smith** has moved full-time into his role as *Director of Post-16* in the Central Education Team
- **Mrs E James** has been appointed to the post of *Director of HR* in our Central Team
- **Mr D Pyke** has been promoted to the post of *Director of Finance* in our Central Team
- **Dr P Bhatt** has been appointed to the post of *Principal* at Riddlesdown Collegiate
- **Mrs J Keogh** has been appointed to the post of *Interim Head of School* at Kenley Primary School
- **Miss P Bigden** has been promoted to the post of *Deputy Principal* at Woodcote High School
- **Mrs E Dean** has been promoted to the post of *Deputy Principal* at The Quest Academy

The Collegiate Trust is growing considerably, not just in terms of scale, but more importantly, in terms of cohesion and quality. Much of this growth is a consequence of our shared commitment to our mission of **collaboration to deliver exceptional education**. As we begin a new academic year, we are looking forward to further developing our work, tackling new challenges and, crucially, ensuring that through our collaboration and ambition, our pupils and students enjoy and achieve, both at school and beyond. 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.

I wish everyone in our schools the very best of luck for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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