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“The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!”

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Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of the first half of the Lent term the Directors of the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust were delighted to appoint Mr Chiswell as the new Headteacher of St Margaret of Scotland Catholic School in Luton. Mr Chiswell has served the community at St Mary’s and St Vincent’s with distinction, and we are delighted that he has the opportunity to grow into a role that includes extended responsibility across our Trust. He will leave the schools at the end of this academic year.

We know that news of Mr Chiswell’s appointment will be disappointing to many of you, and we know you value him for his care and his determination to serve the children in St Mary’s and St Vincent’s with distinction. However, Mr Chiswell is blessed to work with a number of outstanding colleagues, and we are delighted that one of those colleagues, Mrs Louise Waldram, will become the school’s Headteacher from the start of next year. She will be supported by Mrs Dowling and Miss Azzopardi who begin next academic year in new roles as Deputy Headteachers. Mrs Ball has also been appointed as Assistant Headteacher.



The Directors and Local Academy Committee wanted to ensure the work we have begun across St Mary’s and St Vincent’s continues and that the direction of travel remains the same. The leadership team that works across both schools know both schools well and are committed to the programme of continuous improvement we have in place; they are best placed to lead the school forward.

St Mary’s and St Vincent’s are the schools they are today thanks to Mr Chiswell and his team. Both schools have improved significantly since joining our Academy Trust and we could not be prouder of each school’s achievements. We would like to thank Mr Chiswell for his service and his care and wish him every blessing as he moves onto his exciting new role in our family of schools.

Yours sincerely

Joseph Richardson

**Strategic Executive Leader**