



15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am greatly enjoying my time working at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy (SSPP) as the interim Acting Executive Headteacher. I have quickly realised that this is a very special community which has a focus on positive relationships and respect for the individual.

The Academy has an extremely committed staff body and an equally impressive group of students. It has been a pleasure over this half term to get to know the students, whether this is through greeting them at the start of the day or attending their lessons, and I am looking forward to continuing this after half-term. I would like to thank everyone for making me so welcome.

Mrs Jepson is performing a sterling job as the Acting Headteacher of the Academy. She knows the Academy and students very well and we are working closely together to ensure that the Academy continues to provide a good Catholic education. In turn, Mr Wilkinson is focussing hard on the welfare aspect of the Academy, ensuring the climate is right for learning.

I have been asked by Louise Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust, to pass on an update from her in relation to the recent Headteacher recruitment campaign.

*'It is with genuine disappointment that the interviews for the vacant Headteacher post have had to be cancelled following the withdrawal of the applicants, in both cases for personal reasons. Whilst this is extremely disappointing, it is understood that the recruitment process for Headteacher posts is challenging, particularly in the Catholic sector, and this situation is not unique to St Peter and St Paul Voluntary Catholic Academy.'*

*I would like to reassure you that I am in regular communication with Diane Hipworth, Acting Chair of Governors, and am working hard, to secure a solution to the Headship of the Academy. I will offer a further update immediately after the half-term holiday.*

*I am confident that the Academy is in good hands under the leadership of Mrs Jepson and Mr Ainsworth and thank them, and the wider Academy staff, for their continued commitment to the students of SSPP.'*

I wish you well for the half term holiday and I look forward to seeing students and my colleagues refreshed and reinvigorated on the 25th February.

Best wishes,

Mr P K Ainsworth  
Acting Executive Headteacher