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**Dear Community** 

It is a great pleasure to write to you today to share some changes to our Catholic Academy Trust. My name is Mark Mountcastle and last September I was appointed Chief Executive Officer following the retirement of our much loved and missed colleague and friend, Ann-Marie Connor.

Since 2014 our Trust existed as Holy Family Of Nazareth Catholic Academy Trust, consisting of All Hallows Catholic College, St Alban's, Saint Mary's and St Paul's primary schools. In April 2022 Christ the King Catholic and Church of England Primary School joined the Trust and on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 we welcomed a further school, Ellesmere Port Catholic High School.

Also from April 1<sup>st</sup> we have been officially renamed by the Bishop of Shrewsbury to Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust, the patron saint of our Diocese. The name change is a response to the changing educational landscape as all schools within the Diocese will join a Trust in the next few years. OLHOC will cover Cheshire East and West, Crewe, Chester, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

The growth of our Trust will bring even more excellent opportunities for all the children and young people in our schools. The benefits of collaboration will ensure we continue to provide an inspirational, outstanding Catholic education for all our children and young people. We are driven by shared values as we strive for excellence in all areas of our work. We have more strength belonging to a family with shared mission and I look forward to all our further successes.

For more information about the Trust please visit olhoc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle