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Parents/Carers
The Abbey School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the letter to parents/carers received from Dr Speller earlier this month I am writing to introduce myself and The Howard Academy Trust to parents/carers at The Abbey School.

The Howard Academy Trust currently consists of two secondary and four primary academies based in the Medway towns in Kent. We are very proud that schools that have joined The Howard Academy Trust have either improved or maintained their Ofsted rating with a 100% track record of moving schools from Special Measures to Good.

You will be aware that the Department for Education's Regional Director for the Southeast confirmed that The Abbey School should join a multi academy trust and have selected The Howard Academy Trust (THAT) as the provider. We are now carrying out the necessary next steps to agree and implement the specific nature of this transfer which we anticipate will occur no later than 1st April 2023.

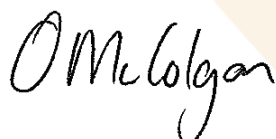
We are delighted by this decision and look forward to pupils, staff and the community at The Abbey School being part of our Trust family. The Howard Academy Trust mission statement is to "work together to build a community of successful learners". We serve a wide, diverse learning community and as an organisation believe that success takes many forms for the young people who attend our academies.

The Abbey School joining The Howard Academy Trust is an exciting opportunity for all involved and we look forward to working together for the good of our young people.

As part of the process for The Abbey joining THAT we would like parents/carers to complete the short survey attached by [clicking here](#). It is vital that we understand parent/carer views on your child's education. The Howard Academy Trust and The Abbey want to work proactively with parents/carers to understand any concerns you may have.

We look forward to The Abbey School community joining The Howard Academy Trust family of schools and working with you all in the coming weeks and in the future.

Kind regards



Owen McColgan
Chief Executive