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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter and welcome back for the final term of an academic year which has flown by. I am writing to share with you some updates on our work as a Trust and thank you for your continued support and commitment to working in partnership with those you have entrusted your children to. We are told that *'it takes a village to raise a child'* and this is never more true than it is today, as we seek to provide our children with a strong sense of security, belonging and confidence in their own self-worth.

### **Bosco Catholic Education Trust**

St John Bosco reminds us that everyone person within our community, whether a child, parent or member of staff should be known and loved. That is true too of every school in the Bosco CET. In his apostolic letter *'Drawing New Maps of Hope'*, Pope Leo XIV gives us the analogy of 'educational constellations'. Each star in the constellation shines brightly but makes up one magnificent constellation. So it is that the 17 schools in the Trust (soon to be 18 with the addition of Sacred Heart Primary, Hastings) each have their own charism and shine brightly as part of the Bosco constellation. Each has something to offer others as well as to receive in support. Together we are achieving great things! Not just phenomenal results in Ofsted and Catholic School Inspections, but also in terms of educational, operational and financial outcomes – all at a time when the landscape for schools is increasingly difficult. We continue to work with the other 16 Catholic schools in Sussex and look forward to welcoming them into the Bosco family in the fulness of time.

### **Working in Partnership**

Catholic education is a collective endeavour. To enable our children to flourish it is important we renew our commitment to one another as adults, ensuring we communicate effectively and speak with one-voice for the good of all. Every child matters and every family is part of a larger school community. Our schools have high expectations of children but so too do they have of staff and parents. God has great plans for us all and sets a high bar! This means we must work together in a spirit of collaboration and mutual support. There can't be a 'pick and mix' approach to embracing our Catholic values or in supporting the high expectations each school has on behaviour, uniform and work. It is important that schools are consistent with children in these areas too and so we rely on you to support.

As the adults, we should model kind, respectful and thoughtful communication. This is always done best in person and our schools should be providing you with every opportunity they can to meet in person; hold Open Door opportunities, parent consultations or simply picking up the phone when you communicate that there is a problem or concern. As parents and carers you must tell us if you are ever unhappy. However, please keep email communication to a minimum and avoid committing emotions to writing as far as possible. We are all here for the same purpose and a simple message by phone or email to ask to talk is far preferable, saving time and ensuring our relationships remain positive and purposeful.

You have entrusted your wonderful children to us. It is such a privilege for us and our schools to be gifted with their joy, enthusiasm and love. Thank you! Each of our schools are such vibrant places of learning, where we are all being challenged to become the person God calls us to be. Please keep in your prayers all those young people taking public examinations this term. Both they and their teachers (and you) have worked hard for their SATs, GCSEs and A Levels. Whilst the outcomes won't define them as individuals, the shared determination to help them fulfil their God-given potential will ensure that they have every chance of success and a wealth of wonderful opportunities into the future.

Thank you for your continued love, support and prayers. Please keep championing our Catholic schools and sending any potential teachers our way – we offer a great training scheme: <https://www.boscocet.org.uk/train-to-teach/>

God Bless,



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