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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

I write this letter to you on the 'Thank a Teacher Day' so it is only right that I start by appreciating the work of, not just our teachers, but all staff in our academies. We are approaching the last half-term in the year and I know that parents and students acknowledge all that staff have done so far, not least those who have prepared our young people for SATs, GCSEs and A-Levels. One parent wrote to me recently about our staff team to really emphasise this point saying "I and many parents I am sure have the utmost faith in, and sincere gratitude for all you do for our children. Thank you for the hard work you put in and the care you give, you all do a fantastic job".

It is the time of year when students sit their SATs in primary and GCSEs and A-Levels in secondary. I have been so impressed by the resilience, determination and sheer hard work of all of them, particularly following the unprecedented impact of the pandemic. These traits have been mirrored by all of the Early Career Teachers (ECTs) across our Trust who have thrived even in these most challenging of times.

During this half-term we have been attending Parents' Forums and collecting the voice of parents, staff and students through surveys to focus on what our key priorities are for the next academic year. One of the most common themes was relating to newsletters and communicating more effectively with families. As a result we are currently updating academy websites, increasing our profile on social media, predominantly Twitter and also developing the quality and consistency of newsletters. Please look out for these in the new academic year.

As usual we highlight some individuals below who have gone way above and beyond this term, particularly relating to our value of Integrity. Congratulations to them all, who will now receive the prestigious Trust Value Award gold badge to wear with pride.

	Campsmount	Staff Student	Sally Simpson Fyn Deere
	Spa	Staff Pupil	Lauren Beresford Emily Gillies
	Littlemoor	Staff Pupil	Beth Wigglesworth Lois Evans
	Moss Road	Staff Pupil	Steph Cantrell Honey Hardacre
	Castle Hills	Staff Pupil	Stacey Speedie John Szabo
	Vega College	Staff Student	Charlie Hepworth Alex Edwards
	Trust	Staff Community	Simon Nicholson Leger Sport Team

Finally, you will be receiving this letter on the day we are celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee across our academies. I know many of the students, staff and parents are taking part in events to celebrate the Queen's 70 years as our British Monarch. These events, ranging from picnics, party games, competitions and fancy dress will really ensure we end the term with a bit of fun and enjoyment. This is so essential for happy schools and young people and I hope will set us up for an exciting and successful final term.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Dale
Chief Executive Officer