



## The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

Learning Communities, Inspired by Faith

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to inform you that Lesley Fitton has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust, following a rigorous assessment and interview process in which there were two other applicants. The Trust Board is very pleased to have made this permanent appointment. Lesley has a long association with our Catholic schools, having been a pupil at St. Joseph's Primary School Moorthorpe and St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School. She subsequently trained as a teacher at Leeds Trinity University and served as a Teacher and Head Teacher in several BKCAT schools. As you will be aware, more recently Lesley has been the Trust's interim CEO.

The delivery of Bishop Marcus' vision and our Trust vision within that will be Lesley's top priority. Our goals in order to deliver that vision within the next three years are:

- Ensure an outstanding Catholic educational experience for all; I know there are excellent opportunities to do this within the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust.
- Safeguard the physical and mental wellbeing of all our children, young people, and staff.
- Deliver the highest standards of teaching across our 15 schools.
- With the support of our Diocese, close collaboration with other Catholic Trusts, the Trust Board, our school improvement partners, governing bodies and parents, continually improve the life experiences of all our pupils irrespective of background, ability, and capability, upholding the dignity and unique value of every person.
- Educate all our pupils not only in academia but in life skills, growing awareness of our actions on each other and the environment around us.

Despite the recent challenges in our schools brought about by the impact of the coronavirus, the Trust Board is excited and optimistic about the future of the Trust. Strong foundations have been laid for our journey of school improvement and we shall continue with our upward trajectory and maintain the pace of improvement.

The Trust has recently welcomed another three schools into the BKCAT family (Holy Family Catholic High School, Carlton; St. Mary's Selby; St. Joseph's Goole). As a larger family we are committed to sharing our Catholic values and beliefs, one of those beliefs being close collaboration. Every single one of us connected with BKCAT want our schools to be the best places to be educated, the best places to work and through strong, secure, lasting partnerships, we shall ensure we have the capacity and expertise to achieve these aims.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Gillott  
(Chair of the BKCAT Board)