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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Re: Consultation on the New Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT)**

I am writing to inform you that the consultation process for the formation of our new Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (CMAT) has now closed. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who took the time to participate in the process and sharing your views. Your input has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your support and engagement throughout this process.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary document outlining the key points that emerged from the consultation. At the heart of every decision has been our shared commitment to providing the best possible Catholic education for our children, rooted in the Gospel values and teachings of our faith. Please note that any individual responses or questions raised during the consultation will be addressed separately before the end of term. We want to ensure that every query is answered personally.

After prayerful consideration and reflection on our Catholic beliefs and traditions, we are delighted to announce that the new CMAT will be named after **St Gabriel the Archangel**. St Gabriel, the messenger of God, is a symbol of hope, guidance, and divine communication. Just as St Gabriel brought the joyous news of Christ's coming to Mary, our CMAT will strive to bring the light of Christ into the hearts and minds of our students, staff and wider community. The name reflects our mission to nurture faith, provide inspiration, and uphold excellence in all that we do.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to working together in this exciting new chapter for our schools.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Rathbone  
Principal

