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Dear St Catherine's Community,

I hope this letter finds you all well. As we reflect on the beginning of the academic year, it is heartening to note the wonderful start we have experienced. The Governing Body has expressed their delight regarding the high standards of attainment that our children achieved at the conclusion of the last academic year. We are immensely proud of these results, which place us well above both local authority and national averages across all statutory areas from Reception to Year 6. It is indeed a privilege to lead a school that is oversubscribed and continues to hold a strong reputation within our local community.

The Governors are deeply committed to not only sustaining the academic excellence of St Catherine's but also to creating innovative experiences and opportunities for both our children and staff. This dedication is a significant reason why we initiated the conversion process last year to become part of the All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT). We take pride in being the first Catholic school in Barnet to establish the Barnet Hub within the trust, setting a path for other Catholic schools in Barnet to follow.

This term has already seen fruitful discussions with the Diocese and ASCAT's CEO, Stephen Wheatley, as we collaboratively plan a bespoke conversion process tailored to meet the specific needs and requirements of St Catherine's. Following half term, the Governors will be engaging with members of ASCAT to ensure that our policies and procedures are harmonised, thereby guaranteeing that our children continue to receive high-quality and innovative education. Additionally, the Governors have met with union representatives, who have raised pertinent questions, and we look forward to their continued collaboration as we progress towards our conversion date set for 1st September 2026.

I will keep the school community updated on our progress. For further information, I encourage you to visit the academy pages on our school website, where you will find the ASCAT presentation from our meetings last year, along with letters to parents and a collection of useful questions and answers regarding the conversion process, as well as the consultation report.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to direct them to the school office. It is important to us that everyone remains fully informed about this significant development for our school.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful half term break and I eagerly anticipate the second half of the Autumn Term, a period that always holds a special significance for our St Catherine's community.

Best wishes,

Alessia Errico
Chair of Governors