



**St Ralph
Sherwin**

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that we will be welcoming Mr Redfern back to St Thomas More after the October half-term break.

Following his accident in October 2022, we are delighted that Mr Redfern is ready to start a phased return to work. We would like to thank Mrs Lancett for everything she has done to lead the school, supported by staff, during Mr Redfern's absence. Mrs Lancett will continue as Acting Head of School, to ensure consistency and a smooth transition, until Mr Redfern resumes his position as Headteacher full-time. Mrs Lancett will then revert back to her previous role as Deputy Headteacher.

In January 2024 we will welcome two new Assistant Headteachers, Alison Pimblett will take on the role of Assistant Headteacher (Behaviour and Standards). We will also be appointing another Assistant Headteacher to further strengthen the capacity of the leadership team. Mrs Lockyer, our new Trust Director of Performance and Standards (Secondary), will continue supporting the leadership team at St Thomas More.

Alongside increasing capacity in the leadership team, there has also been a number of strong appointments in key areas at the school. A new Head of English, Amy Shaw, will start in January 2024 along with a part-time English teacher, Sarah Dodd, both are very strong teachers with many years of experience of delivering excellent results. We have also appointed an inclusion manager, Ishtar Whiteford, and a new pastoral manager, Rebecca Ward, which will add even more capacity to the team. Already in place are three Heads of Learning along with a lead teacher for personal development.

The school's Head of Design Technology will be moving from part-time to full-time hours at Christmas and we have a new site manager joining the school after the October half-term. The new site manager will be able to support with further improvements to the school site following on from the new boiler, which is now up and running, and the wall that has been restored on the Key Stage 4 playground. The learning support area has also been moved from a small area into a much larger space at the heart of the school.

Thank you for all of the support that you have given to the school throughout a challenging year, it is very much appreciated by everyone. I would also like to thank staff and pupils for all of their hard work and we look forward to continuing this to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength.

God Bless,

Kevin Gritton
Chief Executive
St Ralph Sherwin CMAT