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To Parents/Carers of All Students

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal Appointment

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of Ely College. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the recent public meetings around the planned new House and vertical tutoring system that so many parents attended. It is a great privilege to have been given this opportunity, and I look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming months as we work together to raise standards and deliver the truly great school I know Ely College can become.

In joining the Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust, Ely College is joining a successful cluster of local schools with shared values, a track record of success, and a wide network of support and expertise. Students will benefit from the application of our values and our determined approach to ensuring that they reach their full potential. Ely College has many strengths, and we are confident that our proven systems and practices will quickly strengthen those areas that we know need to improve. Ely is a great place to live and a vibrant, supportive community. In partnership with our parents and the wider community, we have every confidence that standards and achievement will rise rapidly, delivering the excellent local school that you all expect and deserve.

Our CMAT focus on the pursuit of excellence and achievement for all means that you can be confident your child will be challenged and supported to secure the best possible outcomes. Our new House system and smaller tutor groups will help provide and encourage a number of opportunities for personal development as students work towards securing their PLEDGES (Participation, Leadership, Excellence, Diversity, Giving, Environmental and Service) both in and out of lessons.

I know that you want the best for your child, and as a parent myself I appreciate how important communication and confidence in our systems will be to you. Please be assured that we want to hear your views, and we welcome your input. I'm excited about our plans, and confident that the improvements we've secured in our other schools will soon benefit Ely.

I'd like to pay tribute to the outgoing Principal, Evelyn Forde, who has worked tirelessly to serve the students and the College. Ms Forde will remain in day to day charge until the end of term, allowing us to spend time implementing some of the systems and plans we have for September and beyond.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer, and look forward to serving you from September.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal Designate

