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CEO: Tim Gilson

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Subject: CEO Appointment

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Matthew Evans** as the next Chief Executive Officer of The Athelstan Trust, starting in September 2025.

Following a rigorous selection process from a strong field of candidates, the Board of Trustees has appointed Matthew to lead our Trust into the next phase of its development. Matthew is currently the Headteacher of **Farmor's School in Fairford**, and he brings with him a wealth of experience in school leadership, a deep understanding of education, and a strong commitment to the values and vision of our Trust.

The decision was made after careful consideration, as all shortlisted candidates demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. However, we are confident that Matthew's **strategic vision, leadership style, and proven ability to drive school improvement** make him the ideal person to lead the Trust forward. Under his guidance, we are committed to maintaining and enhancing **the highest educational standards**, ensuring that every student has access to the best possible learning opportunities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Tim Gilson**, our current CEO, for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the Trust. Tim will remain in post until the end of August 2025, ensuring a smooth and effective transition.

We look forward to welcoming Matthew to the Trust and will provide further opportunities for staff and parents to meet him in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Keval Shah

Chair of the Board of Trustees
The Athelstan Trust

