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Dear Parents / Carers

As some of you will have no doubt by now heard, Dame Maureen Brennan, CEO of the Matrix Academy Trust is retiring from her role. She has worked tirelessly over the course of her career to ensure the success of learners in her care, aiming to achieve excellence for all learners. We have been fortunate that she has continued to spearhead this aim within our Trust and grow many leaders who now serve in Walsall and other neighbouring local authorities.

From 1st September 2022, I will assume the position of CEO for the Trust to ensure that its work continues to benefit both Barr Beacon School and the wider community that we serve across the Midlands.

Mrs Hibbs, current Deputy Headteacher, has been appointed as the Headteacher of Barr Beacon School from 1st September 2022. Mrs Hibbs has been part of the Leadership since 2010; she knows what makes our school special and she is committed to Barr Beacon's continued success.

I want to reassure you that the same high expectations and standards that led you to choose Barr Beacon School will continue under Mrs Hibbs' Leadership.

I wanted to thank you parents for your continued support over the past 5 years which has seen amongst other things a number of national lockdowns, two years of cancelled GCSE, BTEC and A-Level exams, online learning and countless covid tests in the Sports Halls to moments of real joy including many pupil performances, 6th formers gaining entrance to first choice University courses and observing the excitement of Year 7 starting their journey with us on their first day in September. Barr Beacon School, including our staff and pupils, really are wonderful.

I won't be too far away and will of course maintain a keen interest in the success of Barr Beacon School as CEO of the Matrix Academy Trust.

Yours sincerely

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