



18th July 2023

Dear All,

As you will know, our CEO, Ani Magill will be moving on this summer. I am, deliberately, not using the word retiring as anyone who knows Ani will appreciate, she is not the retiring type! However, after 44 years in education, the last 29 of which have been spent as Headteacher at SJB and latterly as CEO at Xavier, she has decided to take the next step on her journey of vocation.

It would be difficult to sum up Ani's achievements in education on a single side of paper but suffice to say, her leadership has been truly transformational for dozens of schools and thousands of staff, pupils and their families. Ani's work ethic, spirit of generosity, deep faith and tireless dedication to excellence have been a blessing to so many and her influence has been felt not just in our Catholic schools but throughout Surrey and beyond; as recognised when she was awarded the CBE for services to education – something she was typically humble about.

We of course, are particularly grateful to Ani for the great work she has done in founding and building the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. We started 7 years ago as a small group of schools who were looking to work together for the good of Catholic education in our area and under Ani's leadership, we have grown and developed to become a high performing organisation of, soon to be, 20 schools, offering exceptional educational and spiritual development opportunities for some 10,000 children. Ani's legacy will, through these children, continue to make a good and profound difference in our world for generations to come. We are exceedingly grateful for her remarkable and selfless service.

You will be pleased to know that we aren't saying goodbye altogether as she has been persuaded to continue working with us in a different role from September, one that will allow her far more time to focus her energies on other ventures beyond the Trust.

Fortunately for us, Ani and her successor, James Kibble, have worked closely together for many years. James was Ani's Deputy at SJB, before becoming Headteacher at Salesian where he served for 16 years, and he has been our Deputy CEO at Xavier since the Trust was formed. James has also benefited from a broad experience of executive leadership across a number of schools beyond Xavier during this time and we look forward to him now taking on the baton and continuing Ani's great work in leading our mission.

Thank you for everything you continue to do to support us in realising the aspirations of that mission, we would achieve very little without such wonderful staff and parents. With best wishes to you and your families for a happy and restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter O'Brien', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter O'Brien

Chair of the Board of Directors
Xavier Catholic Education Trust