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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, following a highly successful tenure as Principal of The Sutton Academy, Mr Willerton will be moving on in August 2026 to take up the position of Principal at another TCAT academy, Priestley College based in Warrington. While we appreciate that this news may be disappointing for the school community, we are really pleased Mr Willerton will continue working within the Trust.

I am delighted to announce a new Principal has been appointed for The Sutton Academy and will take up the post at the start of the new academic year. Following a rigorous recruitment process involving Trust colleagues, Governors, staff and students, Ms Lynsey Gobin, currently Senior Vice Principal at The Sutton Academy, was appointed as the successful candidate.

Lynsey is a passionate, experienced and dedicated leader who has played a key role in the academy's success to date. She will bring both continuity and a clear vision for the academy's future development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Willerton for his outstanding leadership over the past 11 years as both Principal and Vice Principal. Paul has led the academy with great commitment and success, leaving it in a very strong position for Lynsey and the wider team to build upon.

I hope you will join me in offering Ms Gobin a very warm welcome, and I am sure you will enjoy working with her in the years ahead. TCAT is a strong, well-established and successful multi-academy trust, and you can be assured that Ms Gobin will receive the full support and guidance needed to maintain and further strengthen the high-quality pastoral care and educational provision at The Sutton Academy.

Your faithfully



Mr A. Moorcroft
Chief Executive Officer (TCAT)

