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Dear Parent/Carer

Last year was another fantastic year for Ely College and we are very fortunate to be an increasingly popular and growing school. In June 2019, we were delighted to share the excellent news with you that Ofsted had rated our academy 'Good' in all areas and our Year 11 results have been consistently strong and improving over the past few years.

Beyond the reports and results, it has also been pleasing and reassuring to know that the community's confidence in the school has significantly improved. We anticipate growing significantly over the next few years, especially in our sixth form. This growth means that we will be able to provide more opportunities to students and further enhance our sixth form curriculum at Bishop Laney Sixth Form.

Now that Ely College is in a place of such strength, it feels like the right time to take the school forward to its next stage. Later this year, I will become Executive Principal of the college and we will be advertising for a new college Principal to lead the day to day running of the college. The new Principal will be guided and supported by me in my new role.

I will remain a regular day to day presence, leading on the development and growth of the college and its site, ensuring that the great improvements the college has seen since 2016 are further built upon. In addition to my work with Ely College, I will be leading the development of teacher training and curriculum innovation across Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT).

While we look forward to a new Principal bringing fresh ideas and energy to Ely College, we would like to reassure parents that the values and broader approaches we have enjoyed since 2016 will remain consistent, along with the over-arching values and leadership of CMAT.

I wanted to make you aware of this exciting development as we will begin advertising the role in the next few days and hope that applicants for the role will be shortlisted and interviewed in the coming weeks, with the aim of appointing a candidate ready for September 2020. Should no suitable applicants come forward, I will stay in place until we find someone who we are certain will be the right fit for the college.

This is a very exciting time to be a part of Ely College and I am looking forward to working on delivering exciting developments alongside the new Principal in September. Thank you all for your support and encouragement over the last few years as we built an academy that provides the best possible education for the students in our care.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Spencer', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard Spencer
Principal

