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Dear Parent/Carer

New College Principal

Earlier this term, we shared with you the news that my role will be changing from September 2020. As Executive Principal I will continue to take a substantial lead in the strategic direction of the college. I will be a regular day to day presence at Ely College, but will also spend time working more widely across Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust to support other schools and other aspects of our work.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the Trustees and Academy Council have appointed Mr Simon Warburton to be the new College Principal from September.

Mr Warburton is an experienced senior leader having held Deputy Head roles at Hitchin Boys' School and Impington Village College. The father-of-two is a scientist married to a musician and is, therefore, equally devoted to the sciences and performing arts! He has worked for 15 years in schools across Hertfordshire, before moving to Impington Village College 5 years ago. Whilst at Impington, he has led a number of strategies to improve mental health and wellbeing for staff and students and has played a key role in the impressive reputation that Impington Village College now possesses.

Mr Warburton says *"I am thrilled to have been appointed as College Principal of Ely College for September. The huge progress made by Mr Spencer, his senior team, all the staff, students, parents and trustees means that I will be leading a community who are rightly incredibly proud of their school. The five CMAT core values are fundamental to my belief in what constitutes the goal of education: maximising the full benefit of 7 years at Ely College to empower learners to discover their lifelong joy, be confident, respectful and successful members of their communities and enthuse in others the wonder of learning and pride in overcoming challenges."*

I am delighted that we have appointed Mr Warburton as College Principal from September. He brings with him a wealth of experience, fresh ideas and energy. This is a very exciting time to be a part of Ely College and I am very much looking forward to delivering new developments alongside him over the next few years. Thank you to all staff, parents and carers for your support and encouragement so far and I hope you will join me in welcoming Mr Warburton to our community. Between now and September he will be a regular visitor to the college as we begin working together. We will also provide an opportunity to introduce him to parents and carers before September.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal

