

# Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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**Headteacher:** Matthew Quinn B.Ed (Hons), M.A., NPQH

Our Ref: EC/SM

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Dear Parents and Carers

Before the Christmas holiday Matthew Quinn informed me that he will be stepping down from his position as Headteacher at Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. He will remain as CEO of the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust on a part time basis, and so will still have some connection with the school.

Mr Quinn has served as an exceptionally effective Headteacher at Oaklands for the past 18 years, during which time numerous aspects of the school have experienced significant enhancements due to his leadership. While the evidence of this can be seen in the various improvements within the school's buildings, more important are the many current, and ex pupils and staff who have benefitted from his direct and indirect support. External assessors, including OFSTED and the recent Catholic Schools Inspection, where Oaklands achieved the 'outstanding' standard in all criteria, have repeatedly reported on the quality of his leadership in ensuring high quality, Christ-centred education for all. He has also played a vital role in assisting several other schools in their improvement efforts.

In addition, Mr Quinn was pivotal in the creation of a charity, The Oscar Romero Trust, which now collaborates with over 300 Catholic schools across the country. He plans to continue with this charity work. Oaklands remains a highly sought-after school with a strong reputation within the local community, and we are profoundly grateful for his contributions to this success.

Whilst Mr Quinn will be sorely missed, his departure from the position of Headteacher will begin a new phase in the life of this school. The task of attracting high-quality Catholic leaders, as expected by you and the Governing Body, poses significant challenges for all Catholic Schools. Consequently, the Governing Body, in collaboration with the Trust Directors, plan to carefully evaluate the leadership structure necessary for the forthcoming stage of the school's development. We need to get this right and if necessary, an interim solution may be sought. Fortunately, we have a very strong and experienced Senior Leadership Team where responsibilities are distributed and well defined.

I will write to you again once the direction of travel is clear.

On behalf of the current Governing Body and Governors that have gone before, I would like to thank Mr Quinn for his hard work, commitment and dedication to the achievements and progress of the students at Oaklands, both past and present.

We look forward to continuing to work with Mr Quinn over the next two terms, where it will very much be 'business as usual'.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth R Cluett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elizabeth R Cluett  
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**Chair of Governors**