



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a happy and restful summer break, and are now settling into the routine that being back at school brings

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year across Abbey Multi Academy Trust. Whether your child is returning to one of our schools or joining us for the very first time, we are delighted to welcome you and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

This academic year is particularly significant for me as it is my first opportunity to welcome families as Chief Executive Officer of Abbey Trust. As I begin this role in earnest, I want to reassure you that my vision for our Trust is firmly rooted in the values that have always defined Abbey. We are committed to ensuring that every child flourishes and has the opportunity to live life in all its fullness. Everything we do begins with that commitment.

Across our Trust, we often talk about one simple principle:  
Unique identity. Common entitlement.

Each of our schools serves a different community, with its own traditions, strengths and character. Those differences matter and are something we celebrate.

At the same time, every child attending an Abbey Trust school should experience the same high expectations, outstanding care and support, and the same ambition for their future, whichever of our schools they attend. That shared commitment will continue to shape our work throughout the coming year.

Above all else, we want every child to feel known, safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. Strong partnerships between school and home are essential in making this possible, and we thank you for the trust you place in us every day.

As we begin this new academic year together, we are excited about everything that lies ahead. There will be opportunities to learn, achieve, discover new talents, build friendships and create lasting memories.





Most importantly, there will be countless moments, large and small, that help shape the lives of the children and young people entrusted to our care. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. We look forward to working alongside you throughout the coming year to ensure that every child thrives academically, socially and personally. Together, we can make this another successful year for every member of our Abbey Trust family.

With my very best wishes for the year ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'H. L. Pratten', is positioned below the text. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Helen Pratten  
Chief Executive Officer  
Abbey Multi Academy Trust