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Dear Families

We are writing to you all regarding an exciting development that we have been discussing for several months. The education landscape has been changing rapidly for over ten years, and this shows no signs of changing in the near future. We have therefore been in discussion about securing our organisations' long term core values and ethos in an ever-changing climate.

From 1st September 2025 we will close down the academy trusts that run and manage the seven primary schools within The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust and the single academy trust that runs and manages Great Baddow High School. Both organisations will then join a new multi-academy trust that together we have created: **Quantum Multi-Academy Trust**.

Quantum Multi-Academy Trust will be a quantum leap for all of us but will secure the education future of both organisations. The new trust will double in size overnight and allow us to access extra resources that we are not able to do so currently. We will double our workforce and will be able to access a wider variety of expertise to support our pupils. We have already established strong primary and secondary school links that will support pupils in both the primary and secondary schools within the MAT whatever school pupils transfer to.

One factor has been clear from the start. Our schools will **not** change their individual characteristics or the **values** that has made them the eight strong schools that they are. Our headteachers and school staff will still hold the responsibility for managing the curriculum that the pupils follow and making sure that it is best suited to the pupils within their own schools.

Within a new organisation there will inevitably be a new leadership structure. Therefore, the CEO of the new academy trust will be Mr Paul Farmer, who is the headteacher at Great Baddow High School and the Deputy CEO of the new academy trust will be Mr Joseph Figg. Mr Farmer and Mr Figg will continue in their current roles of headteacher at Great Baddow High School and headteacher of Meadgate Primary School respectively. Trustees from both current organisations have joined the new board of trustees with an equal representation and have already begun working with the new senior executives to ensure that the process of closing and opening academy trusts is a smooth as possible.

We are both excited about the opportunities that this new academy trust will bring for our pupils and staff.

Many Thanks



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CEO



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Chair of the Trust Board