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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to announce that all processes have been successfully completed for the transfer of Kings Norton Girls' School to West Midlands Academy Trust (WMAT) from the 1st January 2025. Alongside Swanshurst School and Hall Green School, Kings Norton Girls' School will officially become one of the founding members of WMAT.

What this means for our pupils: -

- Collaborating to further improve the curriculum, our teaching and our resources.
- Opportunities to do this together where these are difficult to achieve alone, such as investment in support for mental health, early help and inclusion.
- Recruitment and retention of staff by developing career pathways and further enhancing professional development.
- Utilising and sharing the best practice from three schools to the benefit of everyone.

We hope you will share our excitement about this new chapter and the opportunities it presents. Our vision of 'Achieving more together' will guide our approach as we harness these opportunities to enhance the educational journey of our students.

Earlier this term we provided an update on recruitment to WMAT and we are pleased to be entering the third and final phase of this work. Today we have advertised for a further two roles to directly provide additional resources for pupils in all three schools. The first role is a Trust-wide mental health professional, and the second is a Trust-wide Speech and Language Therapist. These appointments will provide an excellent enhancement to our existing work for your children's pastoral support and care.

From January I will be taking up the role of CEO for WMAT, two days a week, these days will not necessarily always be the same. At the times when I am taking up this role Mrs Shakespeare will be Headteacher at KNGS supported by Mr Charlett as Deputy headteacher. Mrs Shakespeare, Mr Charlett and I work very closely together on a daily basis therefore, for staff, pupils, parents and carers the transition should be very smooth.

We will keep you updated with developments and opportunities that arise from this transition. We encourage you to reach out with any questions. Please feel free to contact us at enquiry@kngs.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting journey. We look forward to working together to achieve our shared vision for Kings Norton Girls' School.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher