

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY



8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that the process of recruitment of a CSEL (Catholic Senior Executive Leader) for the Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy has been successfully concluded with the appointment of **Thomas (Tom) Leverage**.

This key appointment for our growing Multi-Academy has been made jointly with the Holy Family MAC (a family of schools on the Warwickshire/Worcestershire border) and follows a robust selection process facilitated by Satis, an educational recruitment agency and the support of the Birmingham Archdiocese Education service.

Tom will commence his role as Joint CSEL at the start of 2021 and will lead both Multi-Academies to a proposed merger over the following 18 months in line with the Diocesan Academy Strategy.

This key appointment marks a major milestone in our Multi-Academy's development strategy. This will ensure pupils, their families, staff and the community we serve are part of a wider and stronger Catholic family of schools, with the highest expertise to ensure the very best education, support and guidance for all. It will further enable the sharing of school improvement strategies, resources and services more effectively and will provide consistent and continuous support for all pupils in every school.

M.A. Tilt
Chair of Directors

Mr Tom Leverage



After studying at Cambridge University, Mr Leverage spent a year in Rome at the Venerable English College in Rome before returning to England to complete his PGCE at the University of East Anglia. Mr Leverage has a clear dedication to catholic education saying,

“My passion and commitment to Catholic education began at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire where I started my teaching career. I have always been driven by my faith and I aim to ensure that every pupil has the best opportunity to succeed in education regardless of their background.”

Mr Leverage has great experience across both the private and state sectors of education including the special education sector. He has been Headteacher of four schools across three separate Local Authority areas. Most recently he has worked as Executive Principal supporting leadership teams in two rapidly improving schools in Coventry and Warwickshire.

As well as being a father of two, he is also a keen sportsman enjoying running, rock climbing and rugby. As a keen oarsman he has rowed at a number of clubs and competed in a number of regattas including the ‘Fours Head of River Race’ in London.