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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Jason Gunningham, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors for Bridgwater College Academy.

It is a privilege to have been appointed to this role, particularly as someone who was brought up close to the school and within the community that BCA serves. In my role as Principal of Bridgwater College, I am very much looking forward to working closely with the school's leadership team to explore how the college can provide even more opportunities to support the academy and its pupils.

As the newly appointed Chair of the Governing Board, I am writing to reaffirm our full support for the school's renewed focus on high standards, strong values, and providing a safe, calm, and respectful educational experience for all pupils.

The Governing Board is united in its commitment to working closely with the school's leadership team. Together, we are focused on raising aspirations, strengthening school culture, and ensuring that every child is supported to achieve to the very best of their ability. We believe deeply that every pupil deserves a purposeful, ambitious learning environment in which they can thrive both academically and personally.

The school's core values of **Respect**, **Resilience**, and **Responsibility** are central to this work. These values underpin expectations for behaviour, learning, and conduct, and reflect our shared ambition for pupils to leave Bridgwater College Academy not only with strong qualifications, but also with the character and life skills needed for future success.

We are encouraged by the positive progress being made this term, particularly in strengthening routines, improving consistency, and recognising pupils who demonstrate these values in their daily conduct. At the same time, the Governing Board fully supports the school in maintaining clear boundaries and high expectations. This is essential to protecting learning time and ensuring that the academy remains a safe and respectful community for everyone.

We recognise that the success of the school depends on strong and positive partnerships with parents and carers. I am very much looking forward to working closely with the Academy Leadership Team to build closer relationships with families and to ensure that your voices are heard as we continue this journey together.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and its values. By working together, we can ensure that every pupil benefits from an excellent school experience and leaves Bridgwater College Academy ready to succeed.

Yours faithfully,

Jason Gunningham
Chair of Governors
Bridgwater College Academy