



Liverpool College

Prof T J Nichol  
Chair of Governors

### **Statement issued by the Governing Body of Liverpool College Independent School Trust**

After 16 years as Principal, Hans van Mourik Broekman has notified us of his decision to leave Liverpool College on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The Governors recognise the enormous contribution Hans has made to the life of the School and his outstanding leadership which has guided the school to considerable success as it has transitioned to an Academy and grown. Hans' resignation letter, setting out his decision, is provided in full.

Dear Tim,

*I am writing to give my notice as 17th principal of Liverpool College. My last day will be August 31st 2024. Being Principal of Liverpool College has been the great honour and joy of my professional life. With colleague governors, an amazing staff, and many thousands of families, it has been my privilege to lead this wonderful institution through 16 years of change, innovation, and constant development. I am immensely proud of what the staff have done and what they continue to do, day in day out, for the young people on our campus. Their work has been the inspiration for my work.*

*Under your and previous chairs' leadership, I have always felt challenged, invigorated, supported and appreciated. Very few heads can boast of a work environment more amenable and more professional than the one I have experienced. My family and I have loved being part of the Liverpool College family and our children have received a great and transformational education due to the diligence and enthusiasm of my colleagues throughout the years. I have never lived anywhere as long as we have lived in Liverpool. Our children call this city their home. We have made a life here because of the warmth of the College community. Each member of my family can in this sense say with another outsider who came to Liverpool: "I was made for Liverpool and Liverpool was made for me."*

*Our gratitude for all this is more than my wife and I could ever express, but I have, after months of deliberation and prayer, concluded that after 16 years at the helm, and after my 26th year as a head, the next phase of the College's development should be entrusted to a new Principal. I have also discussed with you that over time I have discerned a desire in my heart to return once again to the "coalface", the place where I hoped and still hope to make a real difference in the lives of young people of every background by teaching them and accompanying their spiritual and personal formation journey. In September I will therefore take up, as a lay Franciscan, a role as School Chaplain at St John Plessington Catholic College and across the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust.*

*There will be time for goodbyes, and we are not moving away. My focus in the next six months is on a tremendous finish to the academic year and a smooth transition for a new Principal. My commitment to the College and my interest in the College will always remain. I look forward to hearing of its development and future triumphs. Floreat Collegium!*

Sincerely,  
Hans van Mourik Broekman

Between now and the end of the academic year we will find occasion to celebrate Hans' work and remark on his outstanding contribution to the School's long history and will contact you further regarding this. We must also now begin preparations for the appointment of a new Principal to continue the successes the College has enjoyed under Hans' stewardship.

Prof Timothy J Nichol  
Chair of Governors  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2024