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Dear Parent/Carer

As many of you will already know Mrs Humphrey-Lewis has stepped down as our Assistant Headteacher for pastoral and safeguarding matters. She has been a credit to our school and ably led our outstanding pastoral teams for more than ten years. It is a real privilege for me to take on aspects of her role including designated safeguarding lead for QEGS.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously at QEGS. All staff have regular safeguarding training and there are a number of staff who can be approached should concerns arise. These staff are identified on posters across school and on our website under information – safeguarding.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and is clearly reflected in our approach to school life and the provision of a world-class education for all. Our vision and values can also be found on our website but are best seen in our students and staff as they go about their daily lives. We have a rich and varied curriculum offering a broad range of subjects and many co-curricular clubs that add significantly to our students ability to develop those qualities of mind and character needed for success in today's world.

Our school, together with the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtue at The University of Birmingham are undertaking some ground-breaking new research into how parents and teachers work together when it comes to the character of children. We are keen to hear what you have to say about character qualities and how you work with the teachers at this school on these issues.

As part of this research, our school has agreed to provide you with the opportunity to answer questions on these topics by taking part in a survey. This letter is, in part, to draw your attention to that survey. This link will bring you to the survey:

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/90064218/Parent-Teacher-Partnerships-Parents>

What will I have to do? If you decide to take part, you would have to read the questions carefully and answer as honestly as you can. The survey should take less than 20 minutes to complete. Information about how to complete each question will be provided within the survey, however, should you require more information or have any questions please do not hesitate to **contact a member of the research team:**

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We are very excited to be a part of this research. It is hoped researching into this area will help teachers and parents to forge successful partnerships on character education, which in turn will benefit children and young people both at QEGS and more widely around the world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Barrie for her excellent work as Progress Leader for Year 7. I know many of you will have come in to contact with her and wish her well as she returns to leading us on Transition. We are also pleased to have Miss Clayton return as Progress Leader for Year 7 in a role she will share with Mr Conlon. Miss Clayton will be responsible for Year 7 progress matters from Monday to Wednesday and Mr Conlon Thursday and Friday.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Bawden

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Assistant Headteacher

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