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Dear Applicant

Thank you for expressing interest in the post of CEO of the SDBE MAT in the Diocese of Southwark. The SDBE MAT was established in 2016 as an integral part of the diocesan family, enabling us to offer academy status within the framework of the diocese. Our schools and colleges are a very highly valued part of the diocese's life, and we have in the Board and the MAT highly performing and well motivated teams, doing exemplary work.

The Diocese of Southwark is highly diverse in every way, and the MAT CEO's role is pivotal in enabling our mission as a diocese from Kingston to Thamesmead, from London Bridge to Horley. The person appointed will be a key member of my staff team, working together with other senior leaders across the diocese, in particular the Diocesan Director of Education. You will need the capacity to see how the MAT's work can be an integral and strategic part of our Southwark Vision, and to look for new opportunities to serve especially those who are on the margins and most deprived. As such, you will be someone who shares our common Christian faith and joins with us in worship and prayer as well as in work.

When the MAT was established, the Diocesan Board of Finance offered generous support to SDBE in meeting those costs. It is essential for our working together that that cycle of mutual trust and generosity continues to grow stronger. The MAT has grown and flourished thus far; as we approach another probable wave of academisation it will require leadership which enables it to look to the future with confidence. The new CEO will face many challenges but can be assured of a firm base from which to do so, and the support of the wider diocesan family.

With all good wishes

The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark
President of the Board of Education