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Helen Quinn  
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Romero MAC

Dear Helen

This year the MAC Monitoring meeting was held via zoom and a light touch approach was taken, because of the COVID-19 ongoing restrictions.

We would like to extend our thanks for sharing information with the Senior Leadership Team at the Diocesan Education Service, providing all documents within the requested timescale, especially with the increased pressure due to COVID-19. The essential information provided helped to monitor the performance and avoided follow up questions in the meeting.

During the meeting, your many strengths were highlighted, and we touched on the challenges that you have been facing. Below is the MAC Monitoring summary evaluation and the next steps which were discussed at our meeting, I hope that you find this useful.

Summary evaluation by the MAC and next steps/actions
<b>Catholic Mission</b> MAC schools will continue to actively encourage non-Catholics to attend Mass and will continue when Churches open fully. MD will have a conversation regarding support for individual schools' sacramental preparation.
<b>School improvement</b> MAC development between primary and secondary transition. JL would welcome a conversation with HQ regarding their successful assessment model and across schools' subject framework. MAC encouraged to attend the Ofsted workshop next week. It was confirmed that TQ will stay on until summer to support Cardinal Wiseman.
<b>Leadership</b> The next steps for the MAC will be leadership models, the development of LACs, in particular parent LACs. DES will be discussing the strategic future for Romero next term and will share with the MAC's Board in September.
<b>Finance</b> The MAC will develop an Estate strategy. The draft Estate strategy will be forwarded to TG for advice/support.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all your senior leaders, governors and directors who have continued to work so hard and with such commitment throughout this challenging year. Your contribution to Catholic education is greatly appreciated and never underestimated. We hope that the summer will allow you to take a well-deserved break ahead of the beginning of the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a stylized 'Hardy'.

Adam Hardy  
Director of Education