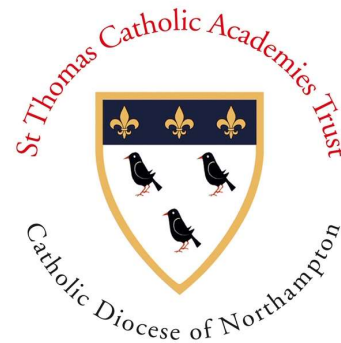


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“The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!”

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### **Press statement**

In the summer term 2018 a financial irregularity at Cardinal Newman School Luton was reported to the Directors of St Alban Catholic Academies Trust. The police were notified, and a police investigation was opened. We have recently been informed by Bedfordshire Police that they are in the process of charging an alleged perpetrator. The action does not relate to any current employee of the school or the Trust.

At the time disciplinary investigations were conducted and completed by the Directors with the support of a senior HR Advisor from Luton Borough Council. The conclusion of such investigations, in line with employment regulations, remains confidential. An internal audit was conducted by an independent investigating financial officer and with professional support an action plan to address the areas of weakness was implemented immediately. The Education and Skills Funding Agency were made aware of the breach and the proposed action plan and took no further action.

As a judicial process is now under way, we can make no further comments but may issue a further statement once the process is complete.