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To the parents of the boys, to the Old Boys  
to the friends of the school

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At the commencement of the next school-year, in September 1970, Clapham College will become a Diocesan School. Under the care of the Diocesan Authorities the college will continue as a grammar school until such time as, in accordance with the plans already laid down for its future, it can develop into a Comprehensive School. The future of both staff and students will be completely safeguarded under this change of ownership.

The Brothers deeply regret that circumstances have brought the need for them to give up the school. Two factors have made this decision necessary. The first is the decline in the number of Xaverian Brothers in the English Province the second is the heavy financial burden which the future development of the school - involving, as it must do, great structural expansion - would have imposed upon the Brotherhood

It is possible that some of the parents whose sons are at present entrusted to the care of our Brothers may feel somewhat disturbed by our withdrawal. Let them please be assured that any such feeling is quite unnecessary, for under the Diocesan Authorities the school will continue, will expand and will prosper.

The Brothers wish to thank all these whose unfailing support and goodwill have always been so gratefully appreciated by us in the past and will continue to be remembered warmly in the future. Among these must be numbered the past and present Governors of the school, the staff, the members of the Old Boys' Association, the parents of our past and present students, and our students themselves. We are sure that this same support and goodwill will continue to be given in the future to the school and to those to whom its care will be entrusted, - and will be given as generously and spontaneously as in the past. We would like, also, on this occasion to pay grateful tribute to the London Education Authorities whose dealings with the school have always been marked by such unfailing justice and considerate helpfulness - a justice and helpfulness which our Brothers will never forget.

Brother Godric, C.F.X.

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