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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the close of another remarkable year at Minerva Learning Trust, we're thrilled to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and milestones that have shaped our journey throughout this 2023-24 academic year and are pleased to share our fourth annual report 'Our Year' with you.

Our annual report highlights some of our successes and celebrates the hard work of all of our staff, volunteers and parents/carers in ensuring a high-quality education for all, a summary of which is provided below:

Academic Excellence:

Our students have once again showcased their commitment to academic excellence. Their hard work, curiosity, and dedication to learning have resulted in outstanding achievements across various subjects and grade levels, making a positive impact on our academic community.

Student Welfare:

Investing significantly in the quality of our school buildings, we've created warm, safe, and conducive learning environments. This commitment ensures that our students can focus on their education.

Safeguarding:

In a recent external review of our central safeguarding efforts, we received very positive feedback, reaffirming our dedication to the safety and well-being of all our students.

Staff Development:

Continuing to enhance the quality of our education, we prioritise ongoing staff development, training, mentorship programs, and collaborative support across all Trust schools. In November, every staff member attended our whole-school conference, gaining insights into industry progress and reflecting on how technology can support and enhance learning.

A link to the full report can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/ouryear23>

I would also like to inform you of a significant leadership change within our Trust. After nine years of dedicated service, Ed Wydenbach, the Chair of Trustees for Minerva Learning Trust, will be stepping down. We express our heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering commitment to developing our Trust and our schools to provide the best education possible for all our young people; past and present.

We're pleased to welcome Mr John Doyle, who will be assuming the role of Chair of Trustees, John brings a wealth of experience across local public services and a profound dedication to the field of education. Throughout his career, he has exhibited exemplary leadership, consistently striving for



educational excellence and demonstrating a commitment to empowering students to reach their full potential. His expertise in strategic management experience in finance and resource planning aligns seamlessly with our goals and aspirations for the future.

May the upcoming winter break be a time of rest, rejuvenation, and joy for you and your families.

Wishing you a wonderful winter break and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Bev Matthews

CEO

Minerva Learning Trust

