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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. We hope that you and your families are well.

We write to inform you about an important and exciting development for Minerva Learning Trust. We have been working in partnership with another likeminded multi academy trust, Cavendish Learning Trust, to explore the possibility of the merger of Cavendish Learning Trust into Minerva Learning Trust.

Over the last term, the Trustees and executive leadership teams from both Trusts have been working diligently to assess the feasibility and benefits of this partnership. As part of this process, we have remained committed to ensuring that this decision will ultimately serve the best interests of all our students and our wider school communities.

In December, the Boards of both Trusts agreed to pursue the partnership and we are therefore in a position to announce that it is the intention for Minerva Learning Trust to work with the Department for Education and Cavendish Learning Trust towards a successful transfer into our Trust.

In light of this announcement, please find attached a 'Stakeholder Engagement' document that provides more information about both Trusts and the reasons that this decision has been taken. Your input is important, and we encourage you to participate in the consultation process. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us.

To learn more about the merger and share your views, please click on the following link: <a href="https://minervalearningtrust.co.uk/?post\_type=newsletters&p=27081&preview=true">https://minervalearningtrust.co.uk/?post\_type=newsletters&p=27081&preview=true</a>

We want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement for our schools and our Trust.

Yours sincerely

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