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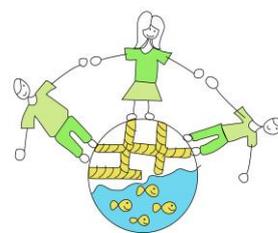
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Dear Parents

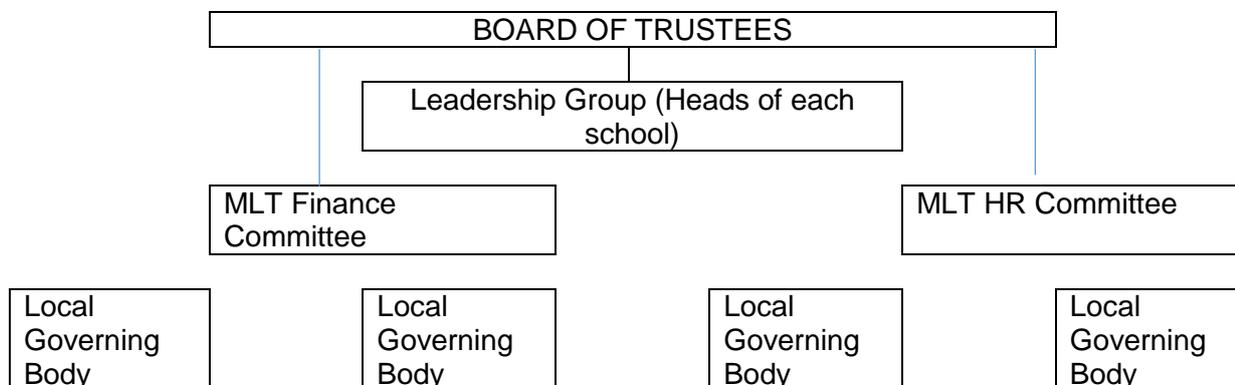
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UPDATE ON MULTI ACADEMY TRUST – Appointing Trustees and Members

Since we proposed moving to a Multi Academy Trust in July all schools have been working together to move forward. We listened very closely to the concerns you raised and we hope we have resolved a number of issues.

The name chosen for the Trust is the **Minerva Learning Trust (MLT)**. Minerva was the Roman Goddess of wisdom and schools and sponsor of the arts, trade and strategy.

Effective leadership of this new organisation at all levels is crucial. We seek to appoint Trustees and Members who can support, challenge and enrich the organisation. We have a range of skills and experience already in the Governing Bodies of the various schools but we are looking to extend these and ensure the skills necessary to make the organisation successful are well represented. The overall structure is outlined below.



There will be 12 Trustees, 3 appointed by the Diocese. Our intention is to recruit from the current Governors and the wider community. We are particularly hoping that those in the community with skills or experience in:

- Human Resource Management
- Legal Issues
- Financial Management
- Property and Capital Management

will apply to bolster the skills we have already identified (e.g. skills in Governance, Leadership and Management of multi-site organisations, working as a charity, educational experience etc). We will be placing an advert in the local press to encourage suitable applications. The terms of reference, job description and person specifications for the roles are on the website or can be obtained from any of the schools involved.

If you believe you have the skills, experience or enthusiasm to become a Member or a Trustee we would encourage you to send in your CV and express an interest. We believe that working with schools, while time consuming, is exceptionally rewarding.

We have also begun to look in detail at future priorities. We are developing a financial model to ensure the MAT is sustainable. We are looking at policies for the partnership and hope to appoint an Executive Principal in the near future. We are sharing some staff expertise already, for example on Computer Science. We do believe that working together is the right way forward and that you will see the benefits of this as time goes on.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Brown on behalf of the MAT group of schools