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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: 'Stronger together' (January 2024)

Well into the new calendar year, our school community leaps forward, striving to provide the very best educational experiences for all, no matter what stage or age they may be.

Our Finham Park Multi Academy Trust training day in January was an excellent occasion for all our schools to get together and learn from some of the very best practitioners across the country. High quality professional development from published authors continues to support our self-improving model for school development. This was supplemented by an external inspection around our provision for pupils with SEND this month by an industry expert and ex HMI who remarked on the excellent relationships between staff and pupils as well as giving us ideas to further improve our support for those with SEND.

Today, we were awarded status as an UNESCO Associated School. All schools in our MAT have received this, with us being the first MAT in the UK to receive the award. The UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) connects more than 12,000 schools in 182 countries around a common goal to build peace in the minds of children and young people. Through concrete actions member schools promote the ideals of UNESCO valuing rights and dignity, gender equality, social progress, freedom, justice and democracy, respect for diversity and international solidarity. The Network operates at international and national levels with three clear priorities: education for sustainable development, global citizenship education and inter-cultural and heritage learning. The network:

1. brings school community voices to the global debate on the Futures of Education,
2. drives innovation of teacher education through communities of practice,
3. initiates the global Trash Hack campaign for sustainable development,
4. offers a global platform for students to exchange ideas,
5. promotes a whole school approach, and
6. supports inter-cultural learning and cultural diversity.

I look forward to seeing our pupils embrace the opportunities this network will bring.

We also launched our Finham Park Multi Academy Trust 'World Class Guarantee' to pupils this week. Within the first two minutes of its launch, we had over 100 pupils sign up to take part in this innovative program. Through this program, pupils will be able to grow and demonstrate our Trust values of kindness, respect, honesty, teamwork, integrity and enjoyment by accessing over 50 different opportunities through being a pupil in our Trust family of schools. (Click on the rainbow picture below to take you to the FPMAT World Class Guarantee). There will be a pupil led 'Leadership Showcase' event at Finham Park School in July, which 80 pupils from across Coventry and Warwickshire will attend. Pupils will be demonstrating how they have grown in their leadership skills and demonstrated the Trust values through the various projects they will work on together across the MAT schools.

Pupils have also worked together to produce two more short films in our 'Why does the Lion Roar' Finham docu-series. (Click on the links below to access them).

[Episode 6 - Lions that travel](#)

[Episode 7 - Faith-full lions](#)

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop (Headteacher)

